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See you at Homecoming Weekend!  
15-17 June 2007 • see pages 20-22

# welcome!

## Homecoming weekend 15 – 17 June

We are now on the count-down to the big weekend. Are you coming back? Do you need our help in finding old friends? If so, please let us know. And please book early - we're really looking forward to seeing you. Plans are progressing well, and the level of excitement is rising. Pages 20-22 will bring you up to date.

We are very grateful to the organisations and individuals who have stepped in to sponsor various areas of the weekend.

Our **Virtual Art Gallery** is ready for viewing. What a show! [www.dundee.ac.uk/homecoming2007/art](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/homecoming2007/art) This is a first for the University and a unique opportunity to View, Win or Buy works of art by a large number of former students (of all ages) of Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design. Tickets are being sent to those alumni living in the UK along with this magazine. Just answer the simple question and return your counterfoil and money to be eligible for the draw to win hundreds of £s worth of art from the Gallery. The Draw will begin on 1st May and is in aid of the Annual Fund and the NEW DJCAD Student Projects Fund. Artwork not chosen as prizes will be for sale and all pieces will remain on view until after the Homecoming weekend (see page 23).

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## Alumni Groups

We need group organisers around the world. If there is no group in your area, why not contact us to see what is involved. Closer to home, we need organisers in Northern Ireland, in the Home Counties and even nearby in Perth.

See you on campus 15-17 June. We're really looking forward to welcoming you back.

## Dianne Pemberton-Pigott • Head of Alumni Relations



above: Dr Tony Parker, Associate Director of the Institute for Transatlantic European and American Studies, and Dianne Pemberton-Pigott with R Jane Cheng, Director General of the Taipei Representative office

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# message from the chancellor

This issue of Dundee Reunited is a very special one, celebrating the University of Dundee's first 40 years as a University with its own Royal Charter, its own mission, vision and very special identity... and its own alumni. I hope you will all – wherever you are in the world – join with me in remembering your Dundee years, the friends you made there, those who inspired and shaped your development and the University from which you earned your degree.

Many of you will be planning to return to take part in the 40th anniversary celebration during the University's first Homecoming weekend from 15 – 17 June. I look forward to welcoming you back with the warmth that has taken Dundee's reputation for friendliness throughout the world; for I too was a student at Dundee. I well remember my introduction to the city when, in 1958, I first came for an interview at the Medical School. If it wasn't for the vagaries of the workings of the then Colonial Office which operated quotas for overseas students, I may not have come to Scotland at all let alone Dundee. And what I would have missed!

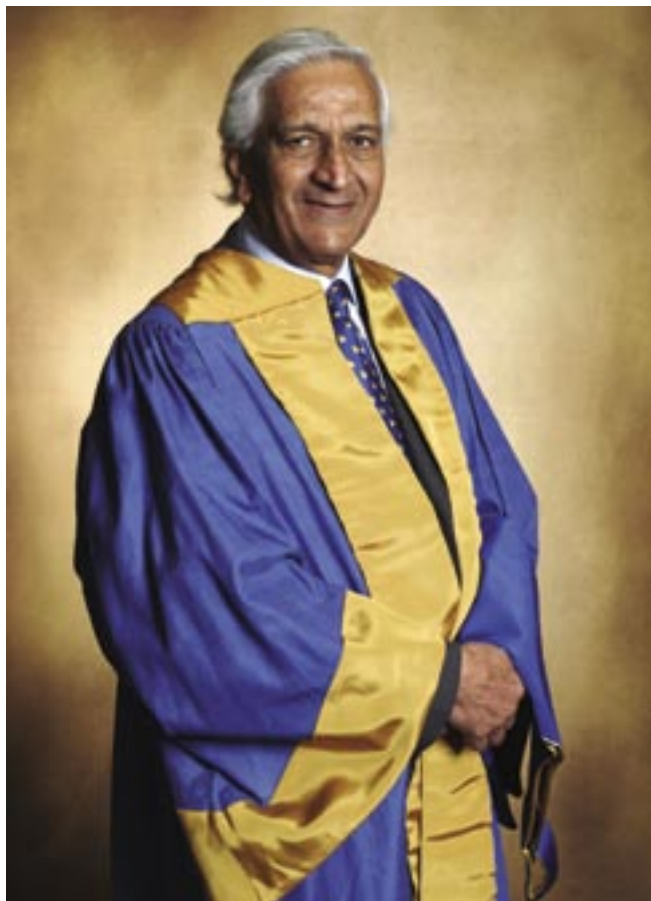
I remember coming up for interview from London and on arrival having great difficulty in understanding the 'broad Dundee' when I asked for directions to the University. Fortunately, I came across a medical student from Nigeria, who went on to become the Vice Chancellor of Ibadan University, who guided me.

Since then I have spent the majority of my career attached to the city with frequent international trips to all corners of the globe where I almost inevitably meet Dundee alumni, even in the most remote spots and diverse situations.




Some flavour of that diversity is captured in this issue of the magazine where we hear from four generations of graduates - John Suchet who read social science in the 60s, Steve Yeaman who studied science in the 70s; Lynne Grahame who studied art in the 80s and Paul Booth who read computer science in the 90s. Now in the first decade of a new century the University is in its prime responding to a rapidly changing world with vision, innovation and leadership. As a leader in modern learning technologies and from a largely redeveloped campus the University is delivering to the latest generation of students new subjects such as water law, forensic anthropology and media arts & imaging, enhancing its great strength and longstanding reputation for training graduates into the professions.

I am proud to be Chancellor of this University and its diversity of alumni.

**Lord Naren Patel Kt, FMed Sci, FRSE**  
**Chancellor**



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## Gene find named UK project of the year

**The discovery, by a Dundee team, of the gene responsible for eczema and a related form of asthma was named as the *Times Higher Research Project of the Year in 2006.***

The genetic breakthrough was led by Professor Irwin McLean (right) in the University's Human Genetics Unit.

The team discovered that mutations in a gene called FLG leads to a deficiency of a skin protein called filaggrin, which is essential for building and maintaining the outer layer of skin that keeps water in and foreign organisms out. The result is dry, flaky skin.

In more serious forms, both copies of the FLG gene is knocked out and foreign substances are able to pass through the skin. This triggers an immune response and inflammation, which can in turn lead to asthma.

The discovery has enormous potential for the development of new treatments for these disorders which affect tens of millions of people worldwide.

The Research Project of the Year is awarded to an individual or team for innovative research that has a far-reaching impact on its field and has caught, or has the potential to catch, the imagination of the public. Also shortlisted for the award were the robotic fish created by Essex University researchers and an invisibility cloak designed by a team at Imperial College London.

Professor McLean's project, which was first published in two consecutive editions of the prestigious journal *Nature Genetics* and has attracted international media attention, was described as "the clear winner" for all the judges.

Professor McLean said, "It is tremendously gratifying to get this prestigious award for our work. It is always fantastic to be recognised. The gene was much worse than others to isolate as it has an unusually plain and repetitive DNA sequence, but I'm glad we persevered."

Since the first publication in March, a number of research groups around the world have confirmed the discovery. In October, Professor McLean was awarded the Chanel-sponsored £40,000 CERIES Research Award 2006 for Dermatology Research – considered the premier international prize in this field.

The *Times Higher Awards* are presented annually to the best University projects, people and initiatives. Dundee researchers shortlisted for awards this year were:

Professor Sir Phillip Cohen, director of research at the College of Life Sciences was shortlisted for a lifetime achievement award for his enormous impact on biotechnology research.

Dr Paul Campbell in the School of Engineering and Physical Sciences was shortlisted for the young researcher of the year award for his discovery of a 'sniper' treatment for cancer.



## Top five European spot for Dundee accountants

**The School of Accounting and Finance has been ranked in the top five in Europe for research output. A paper in leading academic accounting journal *Accounting and Business Research* looked at the number of published articles in 19 different academic journals between 1991 and 2002 for 253 European universities.**

The University of Dundee finished in fifth place despite having fewer staff members than any other top-ten listed institution.

"The main ranking was based on the absolute number of publications," explained senior lecturer Mr David Collison. "This meant that the performance for Dundee was all the more creditable since in that period it had the smallest number of staff in the top 10 of the listed departments."

The School was, until recently, a department with the former faculty of Law and Accountancy but was granted the status of a School within the College of Arts and Social Sciences, reflecting their growing importance as a centre of excellence for Accounting and Finance, both in Scotland and the UK.

"As the school has been strengthened in recent years, with a number of key appointments at both senior and junior levels, it is looking forward to building on its established research reputation which more and more is involving Europe-wide collaboration," Mr Collison said.

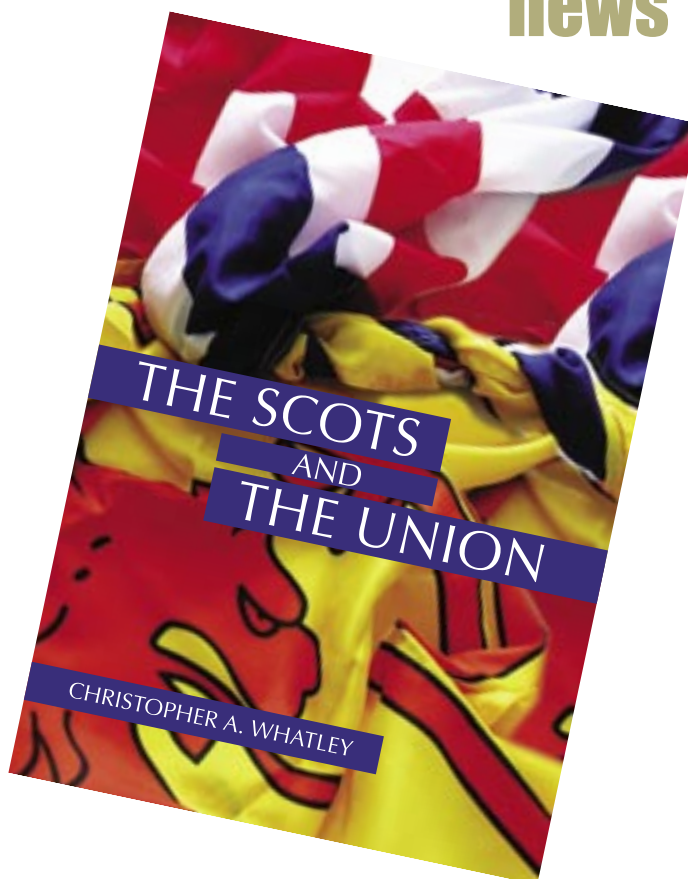
## The Scots and The Union

**History and politics in Scotland are set to collide this year as the Scottish Parliament elections coincide with the tri-centenary of the Union of Scotland and England, and are likely to stimulate much debate about Scottish independence and the Union of 1707.**

*The Scots and the Union* by Dundee history professor Christopher Whatley is timely in the extreme. Providing a fascinating insight into the reasons behind the Union, Professor Whatley illustrates what life in pre-Union Scotland was like and why the decision to abandon independence in 1707 might not have been a bad thing.

For many in Scotland, there is some bitterness about the Union of 1707 and a feeling that it was a betrayal of Scottish interests. And, the Scottish politicians who voted for the Union and abandoned independence have fared badly at the hands of Scottish historians.

Professor Whatley turns this idea on its head claiming those critical of the manner in which the Union was achieved and who question its legitimacy



## Dundee biosciences highest impact of all UK unis

**Thomson Scientific have ranked the University of Dundee as having the highest impact in molecular biology/genetics and biology/biochemistry of all UK universities.**

The rankings were calculated by measuring the total number of papers and their impact (the average number of citations per paper) from 2001 to 2005.

The "impact" measurement was used as a means to remove the advantage of larger institutions that publish more papers in total as a consequence of their higher staff numbers and allows smaller institutions to demonstrate their influence.

The University of Dundee ranked top for impact in two fields – molecular biology/genetics and biology/biochemistry – and place third overall in the UK based on the average of citations per paper.



## US Pharma giant invests in Scottish medicine

**The University of Dundee was selected to host the core research laboratory of a major international collaboration worth £50 million to create the world's first Translational Medical Research Collaboration in Scotland. The collaboration is expected to create 120 jobs at the state-of-the-art laboratory in Dundee over the next five years.**

One of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies, US-based Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, is a major player in the collaboration which also involves the four Scottish medical schools (Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh) and the NHS.

Wyeth is investing an estimated £33 million in the first five years; Scottish Enterprise will invest up to £17.5 million.

Translational Medicine is the focus of the collaboration – this is broadly defined as 'bench to bedside' research where laboratory findings are continuously developed to create therapeutics for treating and preventing disease.



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## £20M Sir James Black Centre launched

**One of the world's legendary figures in the field of genetics, Nobel Laureate Professor Sydney Brenner, officially opened the University's £20 million Sir James Black Centre this year.**

Named in honour of the former University Chancellor, the world class research facility is home to 250 staff and scientists researching diabetes, cancer and tropical diseases in the College of Life Sciences.

Sir James Black first came to Dundee as an assistant lecturer in 1946 and went on to receive the Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology in 1988 for his pioneering contributions to drug design before becoming University Chancellor in 1992. He is credited with the discovery of Beta Blockers for heart disease and Tagamet for ulcers.

The new centre will house some of the exciting life sciences research projects being undertaken at the University, which continue to go from strength to strength.

Earlier in the year, the Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown launched the Drug Discovery Unit, a £13 million initiative to tackle some of the world's most neglected tropical diseases and the only one of its kind in Europe.

The Unit, which is based within the Sir James Black Centre, was described by Mr Brown as pathbreaking: "This unit, the only one of its kind in Europe, offers new hope and that is why the opening of it today is so important and truly pathbreaking," he said.



## STANDUP no joke

**An innovative new software programme designed by researchers at Dundee, Aberdeen and Edinburgh is making language fun for children unable to speak for themselves who depend on speech technology for communication.**

STANDUP – System to augment non-speakers' dialogue using puns – allows the children to generate novel puns and play on words, skills believed to play an important role in developing a child's language and communication skills.

Dr Annalu Waller in the School of Computing was one of the lead researchers involved in the project.

"Research shows that computerised speech aids, although very helpful, can restrict the development of a child's language skills because they stick to exact literal meanings and don't allow for plays on words," Dr Waller said.

"Many people who use communication aids tend to be passive communicators, responding to questions with one or two word answers. In contrast, speaking children typically use humour to experiment with words and improve their social skills. Research also suggests that experimenting with language helps children become more fluent and more adept at conversation."

Nine young people at the Capability Scotland's Corseford School near Glasgow have already evaluated the software. During the ten-week trial the children regaled their peers, staff, family and neighbours with jokes. While their joy and enthusiasm for entertaining others was clear, their use of STANDUP also had a beneficial effect on their overall communication.

"This project focussed on whether a system could be designed to be used by children with limited physical abilities. The results show that we have succeeded in enabling the nine children to generate and tell punning riddles," Dr Waller said.



## Dundee database grows to global cystic fibrosis network



**In 1992, on a computer donated by a local family, Dundee academic Dr Anil Mehta set up a cystic fibrosis database to audit the health of patients across Scotland. In 2006, the European Commission awarded the University more than 40 million Euro to extend the database across Europe.**

Possibly the first of its kind, the Dundee cystic fibrosis database has become an invaluable tool for doctors and researchers aiming to analyse large groups of CF sufferers and improve understanding of the disease.

In 1999, the database was extended across the UK with about 7000 people now registered on it. The European grant is funding a programme by Dr Mehta and his team to link countries across Europe to the database. There are also hopes to link the database to the American equivalent, creating the first truly global CF database.

The UK database played a key role in the submission to the government about the potential benefits of genetic screening for CF at birth which led to the introduction of neonatal screening in Scotland in February 2003.

Dr Mehta leads a major research initiative at the University to understand the causes of cystic fibrosis. Last year the research team uncovered key links between CF and a protein that controls a range of other diseases including cancer, diabetes and obesity.

## Dundee in top-three for UK postdocs

**The University of Dundee has been named among the top ten international institutions outside the US, one of only three from the UK, for postdoctoral scientists.**

In the survey by *The Scientist* magazine, the University of Dundee, the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge and the University of Manchester were the only UK institutions named.

The survey determined how postdoctoral scientists rate the quality of their experience in their place of employment.

Co-chair of the College of Life Sciences' Post Doc association Dr Paul Andrews said, "It is very encouraging to hear that Dundee's reputation as a great place to work, as a postdoc, has received recognition in this influential poll.

"Our Postdoc Association is extremely active in addressing the acknowledged UK-wide deficits in many aspects of postdoctoral training and career development. Being placed in the top ten has encouraged us to do even more for postdocs in the future."

*The Scientist* is an international news magazine that reports on the issues and events that impact the world of life scientists.

## Enhancing Scottish Policing

**A University of Dundee-led consortium of 13 Scottish Higher Education institutions have teamed together to carry out research relevant to the needs of Scotland's police forces. £2.1 million in funding from the Scottish Funding Council and the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland will be used to set up the Scottish Institute for Police Research.**

The aim of the institute is to strengthen the evidence base on which police policy, practice and training are developed, build policing research capacity in Scottish higher education institutions, and encourage and help the development of national and international links with other researchers, policy makers and practitioners involved in policing research.

Institute Director and Professor in the University's School of Social Sciences, Nick Fyfe, said, "The establishment of the Institute is a very important, exciting and timely development.

Building on the wide-ranging expertise that exists within the consortium of 13 higher education institutions, the Institute will carry out high quality, independent research of relevance to the Scottish police service which will enhance the international reputation and recognition of policing research in Scotland.

"By providing a single focus for the research community and the Scottish police service, the Institute will also facilitate the efficient and effective transfer of knowledge that is so important to developing sound, evidence-based policing policy and practice.

"At a time when issues of risk and security have never been so prominent and policing itself is undergoing significant change, the strategic need for research that addresses the complex issues and challenges that the police face has never been greater."



# The foundations of independence

**1 August 2007 will mark the fortieth anniversary of the University of Dundee officially coming into existence. Looking back to the events that finally led to the historic moment when the University of Dundee broke from St Andrews, Kenneth Baxter and David Swinfen provide an insight into the build up to independence and its inevitable success.**

1967 saw the longstanding relationship between university education in Dundee and St Andrews finally come to an end – probably it has to be said to feelings of relief on both sides. The simple if unpalatable fact is that the St Andrews marriage had never been a happy one, and a divorce at some time or another was very probably inevitable.

University College, Dundee had been founded as an independent body in 1881, but after much wrangling had finally been incorporated as a College of the University of St Andrews in the late 1890s. For much of the time the relationship was soured by debates over the constitutional position of University College, including arguments over control of the Medical School, situated in Dundee, but not part of the College.

At the same time, many in Dundee felt that the College was treated by St Andrews as a poor relation. Ultimately, within Dundee a strong separatist lobby emerged, determined that the city should have its own independent university.

In the late 1940s it became clear that the relationship between the college and St Andrews had to be altered. Ultimately, a Royal Commission on University Education in Dundee, chaired by Lord Tedder, was set up. It reported in 1952 and set up Queen's College, Dundee, which although subordinate to St Andrew's included the old University College, Dundee and the Medical School.

However this settlement was overshadowed by the facts that University College Dundee's principal Major-General Douglas Wimberley was not retained and that it did not go far enough for the separatists.

Yet, the stresses and strains of the Dundee-St Andrews relationship, real though they were, were only some of the reasons for the move towards independence, and arguably in the end the least significant.

What changed the situation dramatically – not just for Dundee and St Andrews, but for the UK Higher Education sector across the board – was the Robbins Committee Report, with its radical conclusion that 'All who are qualified to pursue full time education should have the opportunity to do so.'

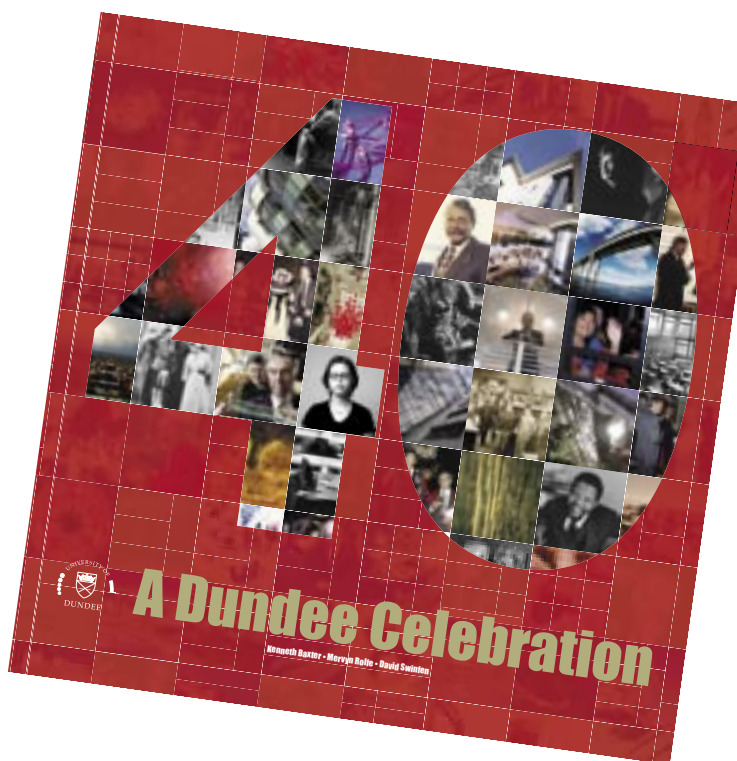
In the early to mid-1960s, this recommendation had a considerable impact upon Queen's College in particular, with a sizeable increase in student numbers.

In 1964, at the January meeting of the St Andrews Court, Principal Knox proposed that Queen's College Dundee should become an independent university. From then on the usual processes took their course and three and a half years later the University of Dundee was born.

The University was now free to develop in the ways it wanted to, free, that is, subject of course to the same constraints of government policies, funding regimes, and student choices – all of which would have a profound impact upon its future development. The next forty years would see various highs and lows as the University evolved into the world-renowned institution it is today.

**Kenneth Baxter and David Swinfen are co-authors of *A Dundee Celebration*. The book retells how fascinating and dramatic developments have unfolded over the past 40 years to see a very small, relatively unknown university grow to the world-renowned institution it is today.**

*A Dundee Celebration* is available to buy for £5 (plus p & p). Please contact Mrs Ali Constable at [a.j.constable@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:a.j.constable@dundee.ac.uk).



# John Suchet



**Award winning TV presenter, author and scholar, John Suchet graduated with a degree in social sciences in 1967 – the same year that Dundee broke from St Andrews to become an independent university. Here, John tells *Reunited* of his memories of Dundee during this time of great change.**

John Suchet is one of the country's best known and loved faces of the news. His career in journalism started 40 years ago when, in March 1967, just weeks before his final exams, the young student made the long trip from Dundee to Fleet Street for an interview with Reuters News Agency.

John was offered a graduate position by Reuter's Africa and Asia section editor despite the fact that his degree was not in journalism but in social sciences. All he needed to do was graduate and the job was his.

He did graduate, and by the summer of 1968 he was in Paris covering the student riots that ultimately brought down President de Gaulle. Four years later he joined ITN where he remained for more than 30 years, first as a reporter then, for 17 years, as newscaster.

John's career has seen him reach the top of his field first as a reporter, then as newscaster. Twenty years after graduating from Dundee, in 1986 he was named Television Journalist of the year. Another ten years down the line, he was named Television Newscaster of the Year 1996. He has since presented news on Channel Five, and appeared in a variety of programmes on ITV, Channel 5, Discovery Europe, BBC Radio 3 and 4, and Classic FM.

John completed an MA (Hons) in Social Sciences at Dundee, despite the fact that it was not his first choice. He had initially planned to switch to Modern Languages, but the head of department, Professor Stanley Jones told him "No," saying, "Grab the bull by the horns. You're a social scientist now." But in his mind, John was never truly a social scientist.

Despite this, John has no regrets about his time at Dundee and looks back at his university days with great fondness for the people and the places saying, "What Dundee did give me, a 19 year old Londoner, was a lifelong love of Dundee, Scotland, and all things Scottish."

The student population at Dundee in the 1960s was predominantly Scottish and John was one of very few Londoners there.

"Remember, flying up to Scotland was rare back then. It was a long train journey or drive and it was really like being in another country," he said.

"I adored the accent, the beer – a pint of heavy! – the whole "Scottishness" of the place. I also thought Dundee was great, though my Scottish friends kept apologising for it!

"But Dundee was great. Coming from central London, I'd have died in the cold rural air of St Andrews. I only ever went across the water, which was by ferry, to debate."

John's debating ventures were highly successful. He and a fellow social scientist, Douggie Allen, won the team debating contest for three years in a row – a record at the time.

At the University, John also took time to follow his other love – music. He was a founder member of the University jazz band and played trombone in the orchestra at the University performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera *Iolanthe* in 1966.

His musical interests remain a huge part of his life and today John is a recognised authority on the life and music of Beethoven. He has published a trilogy on the life of the master and tours the country with his own group of musicians presenting his show "Beethoven – The Last Master".

Other shows he has launched include "The Last Waltz", about the Strauss family and Vienna, and "One More Shot, Bob", a show about his own career as a television journalist which recounts some of his amazing experiences in the world of journalism.

His travels have taken him to all parts of the world where he has covered stories from the world's first modern Islamic revolution in Iran to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

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In 2001, John was appointed Honorary Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in recognition of his work on Beethoven, and is now a member of the Academy's Governing Body.

The University has also acknowledged its pride in this former graduate, awarding John with an Honorary Doctor of Laws in 2000.

Now 40 years since he graduated from Dundee and 40 years since the University became independent, John remembers "huge" excitement during his final years as a student.



The student newspaper, *Annasach*, ran a ballot to find out what the students wanted the new university to be called. If they had had their way, the University of Dundee would today be called Queen's University, Dundee.

For three of his four years at Dundee, John stayed at the Windsor Board Residence at Gardyne's Land on High Street in the heart of the city where he says he really got to know Dundee and Dundonians.



The Windsor residences were more recently part of a major £4 million restoration plan and are believed to be among the oldest remaining residential buildings in the city today. Four decades after first moving to Dundee, John and some old university friends returned for a reunion in 2004 and was pleasantly surprised by many of the changes in the city.

"This time we stayed in a fine modern hotel that has been built on reclaimed land – it was water in our day," John said. "You never went near the waterfront 40 years ago – especially with an English accent! I loved Dundee 40 years ago, though my Scottish friends said I shouldn't. Now it really is a beautiful city. We were gratified to see how many of the old university buildings are still in use."

One institution that has changed over the years is the Union. In the 1960s, the Students' Union was housed in "Ellenbank", a beautiful Georgian building at number 1 Perth Road. Ellenbank is now home to the School of Accounting and Finance, while the Students' Union complex sits at the heart of the University campus in a more modern development.

Reminiscing about his student days, John says, "It is a pity our old union is now inhabited by accountants – I wonder if there is still the fine aroma of McEwan's beer there once was!"

left: John and his University friends, Ron Edwards, Les McEwan and John Archer in 2004 visiting the Windsor Board residences, which were undergoing renovation at the time and are believed to be the oldest occupied building in Dundee today.

# Steve Yeaman

**When Professor Stephen James Yeaman FRSE first came to the University of Dundee in 1969 as a young student, biochemistry research was being conducted in buildings previously used as stables. By the time he left in 1977, the University had undergone some major changes, most notably the opening of the new Medical Sciences Building, which marked the first stage in what is now a multi-million pound life sciences complex.**

Steve's eight years at Dundee were an exciting time. Now independent, the University was making strides to establish itself as a successful and forward-looking institution, and researchers in biochemistry were among those leading the way.

However, Steve's reasons for choosing Dundee may not have been entirely academic.

"I looked at a number of options for universities, but finally chose Dundee for biochemistry," Steve said. "This allowed me to continue to play my golf, rugby and curling and to drink beer in the Bread, the Tav and Willie Frew's as well as downstairs in the Union!"

Despite his social pursuits, Steve graduated in 1973 with a first class honours degree in Biochemistry. The Chancellor of the University at the time, Her Majesty the Queen Mother, conferred the degree at the traditional ceremony at Caird Hall.

On completing his degree, Steve, who is a "Dundonian, born and bred", was not ready to leave the University and stayed on to begin his PhD in biochemistry, investigating how hormones control glycogen metabolism in muscles, at the newly established Medical Sciences Institute under the supervision of a young lecturer, Philip Cohen, who had arrived in Dundee in 1971.

Steve was only the second PhD student to be supervised by Philip Cohen. Today, Professor Sir Philip Cohen FRS, FRSE has supervised a total of 42 PhD students and is Dean of Research at the College of Life Sciences and Director of the Medical Research Council Protein Phosphorylation Unit. He is one of the most cited bioscientist in the world.

Professor Cohen has spent more than 35 years of his academic life at Dundee and has been instrumental in building life sciences research to the success it is today – the College of Life Sciences is regarded as one of the leading life sciences research departments in the United Kingdom and was voted the best place for a Life Scientist to work in Europe in a poll of its readership conducted by *The Scientist* in both 2004 and 2005.

Professor Cohen was also instrumental in Steve Yeaman's life. Steve has followed in his mentor's footsteps, playing a significant role in the advancement of diabetes research in the UK and leading a biochemistry research department to 5\* status.

Steve spent two years at the University of Texas in Austin before returning to the UK to take up a lectureship in the Biochemistry Department at Newcastle University.



Steve on Mount Kilimanjaro

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There he established an active research group working on the hormonal control of metabolism, continuing the line of research he was first introduced to in Dundee.

He has remained at Newcastle since and, for the past three decades, has dedicated his work to diabetes research. He has published almost 200 research papers and is credited with developing a way of using human muscle cells in the laboratory as a model system for studying insulin resistance associated with type 2 diabetes.

He was awarded a prestigious Fellowship of the Lister Institute of Preventative Medicine from 1984 to 1989 and was promoted to Professor in 1990. In 1992 he took over as head of Biochemistry and Genetics at Newcastle, a position he held for nine years. During his time as head, he led the department through a dramatic expansion and increased its research rating from 3 to 5\*. The department was also awarded a score of 24/24 by the Quality Assurance Agency for its undergraduate teaching programmes.

Steve was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1996 and of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2002.

However, the frustration and stress at the constant battle that researchers face to gain funding for their work led to his decision to take early retirement in 2004.

"I became increasingly frustrated at the constant struggle to get grants, publish papers in "high impact" journals and cope with the increasing bureaucracy in all aspects of University life and so plotted my escape," he said.

"To mark the event, I signed up to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in order to raise funds for Diabetes UK, who had generously funded much of my research over the years. This was somewhat rash, as my usual level of exercise was strolling up the hill from the pub a couple of nights a week!"



## Life Sciences

The Life Sciences Complex houses 68 research teams and nearly 700 scientists and support staff from 49 countries and is as large as the National Institute for Medical Research in London. This is in sharp contrast to its humble beginnings in a building previously used as stables in the late 1940s.

As with many of Steve's other endeavours in life, the climb was a success. He reached the summit and raised £6000 for Diabetes UK in the process. However, the view was not all that he had hoped for.

"The only disappointment was that when I reached the summit, instead of seeing the sun rise over Africa, we faced a white-out blizzard with visibility of about ten metres and temperatures around -25 degrees," he said.

Steve survived the trip back to ground level and, after about 15 months of retirement, is now back at the University of Newcastle on a part-time basis covering two roles: Director of International Postgraduate Studies for the Faculty of Medical Sciences and Scientific Director of the Institute of Cellular Medicine.

Meanwhile, back in Dundee, the School of Research in the College of Life Sciences, led by Professor Cohen, is the only 5\*-rated biological sciences group in Scotland. Over the past three decades, the Medical Sciences Institute has been joined by the Biological Sciences Institute, the Wellcome Trust Biocentre and the Sir James Black Centre, forming a fully integrated Life Sciences complex.

Diabetes research has become one of the major streams at the University of Dundee. In 2006, the Diabetes Research Campaign was launched – the aim is to raise £3 million to fund research equipment, specialists, and databases for diabetes research.

Commenting on his life at Dundee over the past 35 years, Sir Philip Cohen said, "Steve Yeaman was one of many very bright students from all over the UK and further afield who joined my lab in Dundee in the 1970s, 1980's and 1990's. Many of them have gone on to become major international figures in research and no less than four are among the world's 100 most cited scientists of the last 10 years. 56 of my former students and postdoctoral researchers are now running their own research groups and 22 are having successful careers in the pharmaceutical industry."

Old friends wishing to contact Steve can do so via email: [s.j.yeaman@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:s.j.yeaman@newcastle.ac.uk)



# Lynne Grahame



**A degree in art can lead to a wide range of career options. Some graduates continue to work as artists, making a living from exhibiting and selling their work. Some go on to teach, imparting their knowledge and skills to emerging artists. Others choose more unusual careers. 1987 graduate Lynne Grahame is one example – for her and the troubled children she works with, art is communication.**

Lynne works as an art therapist in Dundee and Dalkeith, helping children aged between 7 and 18 who have been affected by alcohol and drug use or have mental health problems, to express themselves through art.

“I facilitate a therapeutic space for young people to explore their thoughts, feelings and memories using a variety of art materials,” Lynne said. “The process and experience of making art is key to helping young people make changes for themselves. I work in a non-directive way, allowing the young person to come up with their own ideas and experiment freely and to play. It’s not about being “good” at art in any way.”

Although challenging, Lynne finds the work very rewarding.



“Art has a terrific capacity to help a person see themselves in a new way and to offer a sense of achievement which raises self esteem and can enhance sense of self. I make this, so I am,” she said.

Lynne attended Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design in the mid 80s, before the merger with the University of Dundee. Although at the time the two had a well established and close relationship, with many DoJ degrees validated by the University.

While studying for her BA HONS in Fine Art drawing and painting, Lynne was also involved in a self-motivated project using Dundee University medical school museum and dissection lab to study anatomy. This led to her writing, illustrating and producing a small story book about the five senses. Lynne also remembers using the University library at the time and of course the Dundee University Student’s Union.

“My memories of the art college are of a very small, highly creative and enthusiastic community which was very inspiring. The atmosphere I remember was touchingly naive and idealistic. It was the mid to late 80s and the political environment was heated. I remember a 24 hour sit in at the art college coffee bar to protest about the government shrinking grants for students. Mostly I remember being in good company and feeling lucky to be there.”

After graduating in 1987, Lynne was awarded the Greenshields painting bursary in 1988 which helped to finance travels in India. In 1991 she spent four months there working as an artist. Her art has also taken her to Hong Kong, where she helped produce promotional materials for graphics CAD computer firm.

On returning to the UK Lynne continued to exhibit but an interest in sculpture led her to train as a plumber at the North East College of London.

“I wanted to learn how to weld and join metals together,” she said. Two years later she was a qualified plumber after gaining two distinctions for workshop practice and the best student award.

However, her plumbing skills were not quite appreciated when she returned to Scotland. “I had a notion to do some plumbing in Glasgow, but this seemed to make Glaswegians nearly end themselves laughing at the idea of a woman plumber!” she said.

Instead, Lynne got a job working in a homeless hostel for young people in Glasgow where she ran a few art groups. This led to her training in Edinburgh to become a qualified art therapist.

# 1987

But it was back in Dundee where she began to make significant progress. In 1998 Tayside Council on Alcohol provided Lynne with sessional support work on the young person's project with children aged 11-16 years old who had been affected by alcohol and drug use.

"We developed an art room there for group and one-to-one work," Lynne said. "Funding was granted in 2001 from Lloyd's TSB to pilot an art therapy project. This project is still running today in Dundee."

Lynne also works part-time as an art therapist in Dalkeith with MYPAS, a young person's health and wellbeing project. Here she works with 12-18 year olds who are suffering from mental health problems and find it difficult to articulate feelings or express themselves.

"Witnessing young people making art objects of any kind has its rewards. Each child is unique and has their own way of doing things and working through issues. I often feel humbled by this process," she said. Lynne's confidence in her own abilities can be traced back to her degree at Dundee. "My degree in Fine Art has given me a sense of confidence in my own ability to create and produce something good from scratch," she said.

"Doing this degree was an amazing opportunity to explore my ideas and concepts of the world and myself, and to appreciate and study other artists' work. I can't imagine what my life would have been like without this block of time devoted to making art."

Although it is now 20 years since she graduated, and her career has seen her progress from artist in India to plumber in England and art therapist in Scotland, Lynne is still in touch with many of the friends she made in Dundee during the 1980s and the wide ranging career paths they have chosen are a reflection of the many creative opportunities for graduate artists.

"A few have gone into teaching art at high school level and lecturers at Art College. Another friend restores furniture and refurbishes buildings in Spain. A few friends kept painting and make a living as an artist. Others went on to specialise in other areas such as curating exhibitions and running galleries. I have a friend who did sculpture and set up a bronze foundry with her partner," Lynne said.

Lynne also met her own partner, 1988 graduate Tommy Crooks at Dundee. Tommy studied painting at Duncan of Jordanstone, played guitar with The Fall and currently builds houses and exhibits art internationally. The two are expecting their first child soon.

left: Art therapy helps troubled children to communicate



## Duncan of Jordanstone College

In 1909, James Duncan of Jordanstone and Drumfork bequeathed part of the residue of his estate to found a school of industrial art in Dundee. His dream was not completely realised until 1975 when the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art was finally formed.

Located on Perth Road, the College of Art has always had a close relationship with the University of Dundee. By the time the two merged in 1994, the College had grown to be the largest college of art and design in Scotland, offering a range of courses from architecture and environmental management to graphic design and ceramics.

Duncan of Jordanstone College today is a School within the University's College of Art & Design, Architecture, Engineering & Physical Sciences (ADAEPS). Architecture has become a School in its own right.

The College of ADAEPS is an exciting development in the University, set to further strengthen and drive forward research in a number of new and emerging areas of interdisciplinary research such as Medical Technologies and Forensic Art.

Some exciting new Masters programmes planned for introduction in September 2007 include:

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# Paul Booth



**In the mid 1990s when businesses across the globe were beginning to realise the importance of the internet, Paul Booth, a young Computer Science student at the University of Dundee, was busy writing the computing department's first website. Today he is responsible for creating websites in well over 74 markets worldwide.**

A decade after graduating from Dundee, Paul is now a product manager on Microsoft's Small Business marketing section based at Microsoft's corporate headquarters in Seattle.

"As the product manager, I own the technical architecture of the platform, as well as leading the effort to conceptualize, gather, drive and execute requirements from the broader marketing team for the development and project management of new and existing features and campaigns," he said.

"It's a really challenging position that utilizes a lot of the principles of accessible design I learned in Dundee."

For his final year honours thesis at Dundee Paul was involved in a project to review web accessibility guidelines for people with disabilities – an area in which the department has expanded and developed considerably in the last decade. The School of Computing is widely regarded as a world leader in the area of technology for the disabled.

At Dundee, Paul was also part of a core team that established the world's first consultancy focussing on the accessibility and usability of Digital Media, The Digital Media Access Group ([www.dmag.org.uk](http://www.dmag.org.uk)). He says it is among the projects he is most proud of being associated with.

"Dr Peter Gregor was my honours project supervisor and is now Dean and Head of the School. I tribute much of my success in my career to his excellent tutelage," Paul said.

Paul's first encounter with the needs of small business was also in Dundee. After graduating, he and fellow graduates, Tony Mochan and Sanjeet Bhachu, established their own small business selling software as a subscription service. They devised the idea during a Professional/Business Studies class during their undergraduate course and were awarded a Scottish Enterprise Tayside Award which provided useful start-up funds.

"Professor Alan Newell, head of the Computing Department at the time, once told me that he didn't want to just produce students that knew about computing, but that he wanted to produce computing graduates," Paul said.

"I can't thank him and the staff of the department enough for that insight. I left University not just knowing how to program, but with confidence, communication skills and some basic business acumen. I think that foundation gave me the edge in a highly competitive area to really excel and I still draw on those skills daily. There is no doubt in my mind that Dundee has played a role in my career success."







Paul later returned to the University to take on the role of project officer for the National Disability and Information Systems in Higher Education office where he remained until Microsoft came calling.

The company actively head-hunted Paul, offering him a job as a developer on Microsoft's software-as-service offerings for small business, which has today blossomed into Microsoft Office Live.

"After some soul searching I decided to give working in the US a try. I honestly only intended to stay for three years and am right now just starting on my seventh!" Paul said.

As software has gotten more and more sophisticated and devices have gotten smaller and smaller, the technology Paul deals with today is vastly removed from the computer programmes that were available ten years ago when he was at Dundee.

"Windows 3.1 and Sun Unix were the only systems available to students and my computing email address was the first time I had ever used email. Even then we used Pine and Vi to read and compose email, programmes that are hardly in existence today," Paul said.

And Computing were ahead of the game.

"Other than the students and staff of computing and maths, the only other people I knew with email addresses were the computing students at Dundee Institute of Technology (now Abertay). Today of course, even my Grandma has email access so it's more vital than ever that those accessibility guidelines I worked on are met!"

The first computing lab in Dundee was established in 1965 by Dr John Rushforth who was initially appointed as a lecturer in mathematics in 1953 before taking on the post of Director of the Computing Laboratory where there was only one other member of staff.

In the early days he was programming at machine level with paper tape. Today work in the School of Computing is naturally very different to that being carried out 40 years ago.

The School contains one of the largest and most influential academic groups in the world researching information technology for older and disabled people. And the range of research has grown to include a diverse subject area from planetary surface simulations to medical imagery.

The School's position on campus is also conspicuous. In 2005 they relocated to the stunning, award-winning Queen Mother Building. Designed by architects Page & Park, the building has been recognised by a host of awards, including overall winner of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Scotland Sustainability Award 2006.

The sophisticated energy-efficient design of the building means it is heated at zero cost with significantly reduced carbon dioxide emissions, saving the impact on the environment. Students and staff are also benefiting from the design.

"Since we moved into this fantastic building, staff and students have been totally bowled over by the quality of the working environment," Dr Gregor said. "The building actively encourages communication and collaboration, which is such an essential part of what we do in the computing field – it's a tribute to the design and development teams that they have produced a building which is not only a superb and prestigious working environment, but has also been designed with an eye to a sustainable future."

The School of Computing is currently collating graduate profiles for their website and would love to hear from you. All Computing graduates can contact Ramanee Peiris in the School of Computing and let her know where their Dundee degree has led them. Please visit [www.computing.dundee.ac.uk/study/alumni](http://www.computing.dundee.ac.uk/study/alumni) for more information



# 40 YEARS OF GROWTH

**Now one of the UK's leading universities, the University of Dundee is today almost 10 times the size it was back in 1967 when it broke from the University of St Andrews to establish its presence as an excellent provider of education and research in its own right.**

In 1967, the University was home to about 2,500 students, today the figure is closer to 20,000 and the number of staff on campus today exceeds the number of students that were present in 1967.

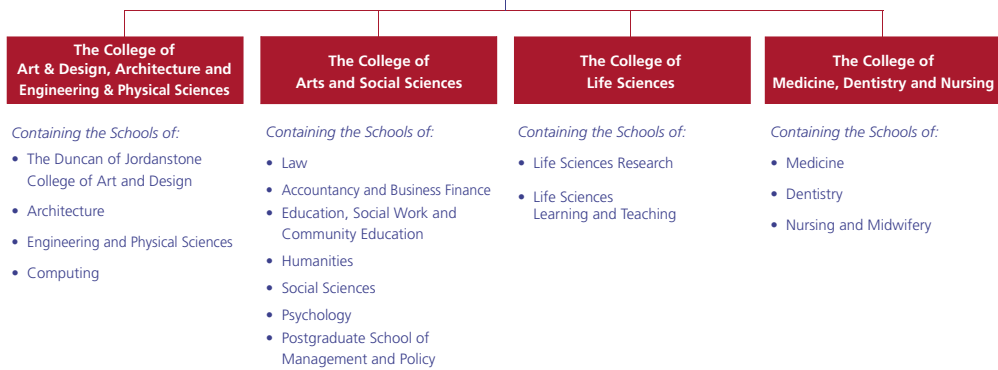
The past decade has been a particularly exciting time of progression and change – since 1994 the University has more than doubled in size and extended its portfolio to include Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, the Schools of Nursing & Midwifery and of Education. It has attracted an 88% increase in student applications since 2000 – more than any other Scottish university.

Recognising that, as a result of this considerable growth, the University had outgrown its previous faculty-based structure, in 2006 the academic management was reorganised and four new colleges were formed:

The College of Arts & Sciences • The College of Art & Design, Architecture, Engineering & Physical Sciences • The College of Life Sciences • The College of Medicine, Nursing & Dentistry.

A full breakdown of the schools that make up each of the colleges is provided below.

The University continues to move forward and is currently undergoing a £200 million redevelopment programme for the city centre campus. Dundee was Scottish University of the Year 2004/2005 (*Sunday Times*) and was ranked top for teaching quality in 2005.



# Dundee Today

## Life Sciences

With laboratory-based medicine and biological sciences rated 5\*, the University attracts worldwide attention. It is home to 24 of the world's most cited scientists, including Professor Sir Philip Cohen and Professor Sir David Lane.

The £13 million Drug Discovery Unit is involved in the development of new drugs to treat some of the world's most neglected tropical diseases, such as Chagas disease, African sleeping sickness and leishmaniasis. These diseases affect millions of the world's poorest people and attract little or no interest from pharmaceutical companies.

The Unit has been described by the Chancellor Gordon Brown as "truly pathbreaking" and is the recipient of one of the Wellcome Trust's largest ever grants (£8.1 million).

The University's Division of Signal Transduction Therapy (DSTT) is leading the way in the development of new drugs for combating major diseases including cancer and diabetes. Led by Professor Peter Downes and Professor Sir Philip Cohen, the Division was awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize in 2005 for its work in drug discovery.

The DSTT is a unique consortium involving 12 research teams in the School of Life Sciences and its associated Protein Phosphorylation Unit, along with six leading rivals from the pharmaceutical industry.

## ADAEPS

Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design is one of the leading art schools in the UK and a base for some of the country's best known contemporary artists.

Engineering departments have pioneered projects from space technology to concrete construction and renewable energy and will house the UK's first interface science institute, the Institute for Medical Science and Technology involving the pioneer of keyhole surgery, Sir Alfred Cuschieri.

Work at the Queen Mother Building – home to the Division of Applied Computing – is involved in making computers more accessible to everyone. The Division contains one of the largest and most influential academic groups in the world researching information technology for older and disabled people.

Other work at the Division includes planetary surface simulations, a computer vision system for detecting movements in the home and a storytelling project to link schoolchildren from all over the world.

## Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing

The University hosts the core research laboratory of a major international collaboration worth almost £50 million – the Translational Medicine Research Collaboration (TMRC).

Translational Medicine is broadly defined as 'bench to bedside' research where laboratory findings lead to the development of new medicines for treating and preventing diseases.

The Collaboration involves the Universities of Dundee, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scottish Enterprise, NHS Scotland Grampian, Greater Glasgow, Lothian and Tayside, and one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies, Wyeth.

The University is recognised as a world leader in the field of diabetes research. Work at the University is being carried out on almost every aspect of the disease from the cell to the community. Groups across the University are conducting research in a broad range of areas from laboratory and genetic research to exploring the best diets and lifestyles for managing and preventing diabetes.

Scotland's Leading Clinician for diabetes, Professor Andrew Morris, is based at the University. He and Professor Dario Alessi, based at the School of Life Sciences, are currently leading a major fundraising campaign to extend diabetes research from the laboratory to the clinic.

## Arts and Social Sciences

The expertise of internationally renowned centres in law include the UK's first UNESCO International Water Law Research Institute and the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy, which won the Queen's Award for Enterprise 2004.

CEPMLP is the leading graduate school worldwide in the field of natural resources, energy and environmental policy. In Social Sciences important high-impact research is being carried out on critical issues of the age – including climate change, flooding and migration.

The School of Accounting and Finance has a top-five research output ranking in Europe, while researchers in the School of Education, Social Work and Community Education's Interdisciplinary Disability Research Institute (IDRIS), are furthering the international reputation of Dundee academics in this field.

History and Law have established themselves as international class research areas, as has the School of Psychology's language and cognition grouping. The new direction taken by English is reflected by the School of Humanities' appointment of the novelist Kirsty Gunn as Professor in Creative Writing.



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### saturday 16 june

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#### Dinner & Dance

8:00pm-1:00am

#### Caird Hall

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Tickets £30 (pay bar available)  
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### sunday 17 june

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**10:30am**

**Chaplaincy**

**Goodbye coffee and pastries**

**11:30am**

**Outside the Chaplaincy**

**Glamis Castle Gardens picnic lunch**

**1:00pm**

**Glamis Castle Gardens**

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## Guest 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## friday

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## saturday

### 10am - 4pm • KEYNOTE LECTURES • Free entry by ticket

Professor Peter Mossey • Dentistry  Will attend

Professor Nick Wade • Psychology  Will attend

Professor Malcolm Horner • Engineering & Physical Sciences  Will attend

Professor Andrew Morris • Medicine & Therapeutics  Will attend

Baroness Clark of Calton • Law  Will attend

Professor Peter Garland • Biochemistry  Will attend

Dr Fred MacAulay • Accountancy  Will attend

Matthew Jarron • Museum Services  Will attend

### 8:00pm - 1am Dinner, Entertainment and Dancing

\_\_\_\_\_ attending @ £30 **Total £** \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

## sunday

**10:30 am Multi-faith Service**  
Chaplaincy  Will attend

**11:30 am Goodbye coffee and pastries**  
for those who must depart early  Will attend

**1pm Picnic Lunch**  
at Glamis Castle Gardens  Will attend

Sandwich picnic provided at £5

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**A virtual gallery of art by Duncan of Jordanstone alumni has been launched in celebration of the University's 40th anniversary.**

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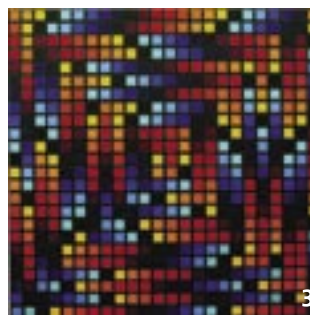
Many DJCAD graduates have contributed works of art to this fantastic exhibition. To have a chance of winning, all you need to do is purchase a ticket and answer a simple question. Tickets are just £1 each.

**The draw will take place on 1st May** from correct entries. Art work not claimed as prizes will remain in the virtual gallery "for sale" during the Homecoming Weekend 15-17 June.

The Draw is in aid of the Annual Fund and the new DJCAD Students' Projects Fund.

All of the artworks can be viewed at [www.dundee.ac.uk/homecoming2007/art](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/homecoming2007/art)

More information is also available from the alumni relations team. Email [homecoming2007@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:homecoming2007@dundee.ac.uk) or call **01382 384822**



These are just some examples of artworks in the exhibition.

- 1 Multisheer • Kate Goldsworthy • graduated 1996      2 Serenity • Jackie Cartwright • graduated 2000  
3 Helix • James Barclay • graduated 1953      4 Eye • Imogen Evans • graduated 1998      5 Player • Lisa Murphy • graduated 1996  
6 Four Dragons • Maggie Mowbray • graduated 1996      7 Durriss Rap • Francis Boag • graduated 1969

#### Terms and conditions

The competition is only open to UK residents. The closing date for entry is midnight Monday 30 April. Prizes will be drawn at random from all correct entries received before the closing date. The draw for 1st prize will take place on Tuesday 1st May 2007. The draw for 2nd prize will take place after the first prize has claimed his/her piece of art. The draw for 3rd prize will take place after the second prize winner has claimed his/her piece of art. Draws for winners of minor prizes will take place after the major prizes have been claimed. Claims for these minor prizes will be on a first come, first serve basis. Winners will not receive cash alternatives to prizes. All prizes will entitle the winner to choose from artists' entries in the VAE to the total prize amount or proportion thereof. If the cost of the artwork chosen by the winner exceeds the total prize amount, the winner must subsidise the remainder of the cost independently. If the cost of the artwork chosen by the winner is less than the prize value, the remainder may only be used towards other art purchases within the VAE. Prize money left over after art works have been claimed may not be taken as a cash amount. Prize money not used for art purchases will go towards the new Students' Projects Fund and the Annual Fund. Payment for the artwork chosen by the winners will be transferred to the artist by Alumni Relations within 30 days of the draw. Alumni Relations will contact prize winners by phone/email/letter as soon as possible after the draw. Prize winners must contact the Alumni Relations Office within 7 working days of the draw to register as winners. Prize winners must then give their choice(s) of purchase(s) within 2 working days. All contact between winners and the Alumni Relations office must take place between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Alumni Relations staff will do their utmost to contact prize winners but cannot be held responsible for lost messages, etc. If there has been no contact by the winner within the 7 working days time frame, the prize will be redrawn. Works of art not claimed by prize winners may be purchased by alumni or non-alumni at the price set by the artist. It is the artist's responsibility to ensure that artwork, won or purchased, is insured and postage and packaging is paid in full. It is the artist's responsibility to arrange transportation to prize winners and to those who have purchased artwork. Art, either won or purchased, will only be sent to addresses within the United Kingdom. The VAE will be displayed throughout the Homecoming Weekend. The University's decision is final.

# Getting Doctorated in Dundee – what's in it for you?

**Why a PhD? Why Dundee? Has Dundee really become the life sciences hub of the universe? Will a PhD make you rich? All important questions and no simple answers but tread carefully for this next decision could be the most important of your career. 1995 PhD graduate *Nick Willhoft*, now the Director of Scientific Services for Ogilvy Healthworld Medical Education in New York, provides some insight into where a Dundee PhD can take you.**

A degree from Sheffield University and a burgeoning fascination in amino acid transport landed me a PhD position in Dundee. It turned into a 42 month odyssey which has had the single greatest impact of any career decision I have made.

PhD's are hard work – that was certainly my experience. In a short space of time I needed to rapidly acquire various technical skills and the background knowledge needed to do the job. There was also a subliminal brainwashing program to impose project management skills. Apparently the days of a tweed-suited, pipe smoking academic leaving you in peace for eight years had passed long before I arrived.



## Making the jump into industry

I studied glutamine transport and metabolism in what is now the College of Life Sciences, graduating in 1995. From there I joined the pharmaceutical industry as a Medical Information Officer, based in Sussex working with

a company specializing in diabetes and women's healthcare. The prior immersion in endocrinology and metabolism in Dundee made this a relatively straightforward jump. As a frustrated writer I found a niche running training courses and writing newsletters and other pieces for the sales and marketing departments.

From there I joined a medical communications agency in Reading to become a writer full time, working with various pharmaceutical clients and a multitude of expert physicians and researchers. This seemed a good fit for what I had to offer and a series of mergers led to my being transferred to the New York HQ in 2001.

## More than just a title

In the US, as in the UK, there are several million frustrated writers, and quite a few good ones. Narrow that down to those who can grasp technically complex subjects and communicate that to specialist and non-specialist audiences, and the numbers decline. They shrink further if you look for people who can manage projects, people, their own time and who know what a suit is. Every employer has specific needs. It's easy to see why in the medical communications industry we actively seek PhDs. Having a PhD doesn't automatically mean you can do this job, but it does suggest there is a skill set, and probably an accompanying work ethic that will fit.

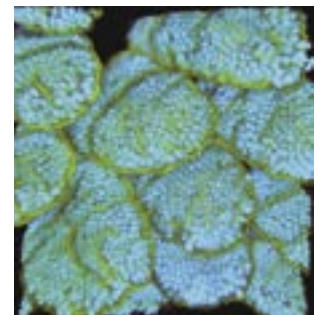
And it's all the basic things that, in Dundee, your PhD supervisor will wring from you directly or indirectly as part of your training. Can you turn your hand to complex technical writing, and other writing styles? Do you absorb and prioritize new information quickly?



Could you work as part of a multidisciplinary team to bring a challenging project like a website, or a conference, or a study report to completion, and within budget? Do you like people enough to get the best out of them? Can you give a coherent presentation to a testing crowd?

A PhD in Dundee will develop your basic skills needed to answer the above, also adding direct highly relevant experience. For example, Dundee's industry connections are plentiful because academia and the worldwide pharmaceutical industry recognize the university as a centre of excellence in life sciences. That's not the Dundee tourist board speaking, but specific feedback I've had from industry contacts and academics that I've worked with over the years.

There was one gap in my training in Dundee. Unfortunately, suit sense wasn't in the curriculum and I couldn't see too many qualified individuals to cover that area. That may have changed, although the case of one high powered academic's jeans being held up by a length of orange rubber tubing is still under investigation by the fashion police!



## A path to riches?

In the medical communications industry PhDs are, from a capabilities and credibility perspective, a large advantage. That won't automatically translate into cash but it will help you get started.

Take your time to make this decision; it's a big one. If you want to be challenged, enjoy beautiful scenery, and set yourself up for a career inside or outside academia – take a long hard look at Life Sciences in Dundee. If you want to play at being a student for another four years or pick up fashion tips, you might want to look elsewhere.



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# Continuing Professional Development at Dundee

The University now offers a wide range of taught and research postgraduate courses including art and design, arts and social sciences, education and social work, law and accountancy, engineering and physical sciences, life sciences, medicine, dentistry and nursing.

Always one to progress educational opportunities in line with world changes, the University offers a range of new courses ranging from community education and enterprise management to globalization and women's studies.

Expense is always an issue for anyone returning to or continuing in full-time education. Fortunately, Dundee offers a lower cost of living than most other parts of the UK – approximately 15% less than the UK average. A 2005 survey by the Bank of Scotland named Dundee as the most cost effective Scottish city for study and students repeatedly rate it one of the friendliest campuses.

*The Scientist* magazine named Dundee as one of the best places in the world outside the US for scientists to do postdoctoral research.

The University was one of only three UK institutions to be named in the top ten, alongside the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge and the University of Manchester.

The University also offers extensive distance learning opportunities, and has been at the forefront of this means of flexible education delivery for about 30 years. Courses are open to students in the UK and abroad at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Distance learning has become an increasingly popular option for people who don't have time to attend regular structured classes and instead fit the learning around their own available time, pace and place.

Subjects range from an MBA in oil and gas management to a Bachelor of Arts in Community Education.

More details about all postgraduate and distance learning opportunities at Dundee are available on the web at [www.dundee.ac.uk/cpd/courses.htm](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/cpd/courses.htm)



## Placements

**Dr Soumi SenGupta** is the co-chairman of Caribbean Dental Programs Ltd. Since graduating from the Dental School, he has spent fifteen years in practice, the last thirteen of which have been spent in the Caribbean.

Dr SenGupta has kept close ties with the University and offers Dundee dental students the unique opportunity to travel to the Caribbean and complete a work placement at his practice.



During the placements, students have the chance to observe many clinical procedures and receive invaluable advice that will serve them in their future careers.

Any alumni wishing to offer work placement opportunities to Dundee students can contact Alumni Relations.

# Focus on Asia

The University of Dundee has a long and healthy relationship with many Asian nations. As well as collaborative ventures between the University and organisations in Asia, Dundee also welcomes many students and visitors from Asia each year. In this special Focus on Asia, *Reunited* highlights some of the initiatives and successful projects and relationships the University has established with colleagues in Asia.

## Singapore-Dundee partners in Science

In January 2006, the University of Dundee represented Scotland on a global stage, cementing a partnership in life sciences with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the University and Singapore's Agency for Science, Technology and Research, A\*STAR.

The agreement, which will initiate a flow of top quality postgraduates from Singapore to Dundee, was orchestrated by Fresh Talent Ambassador for Scotland, Professor Sir David Lane, who is currently on a sabbatical arrangement from the University to A\*STAR.

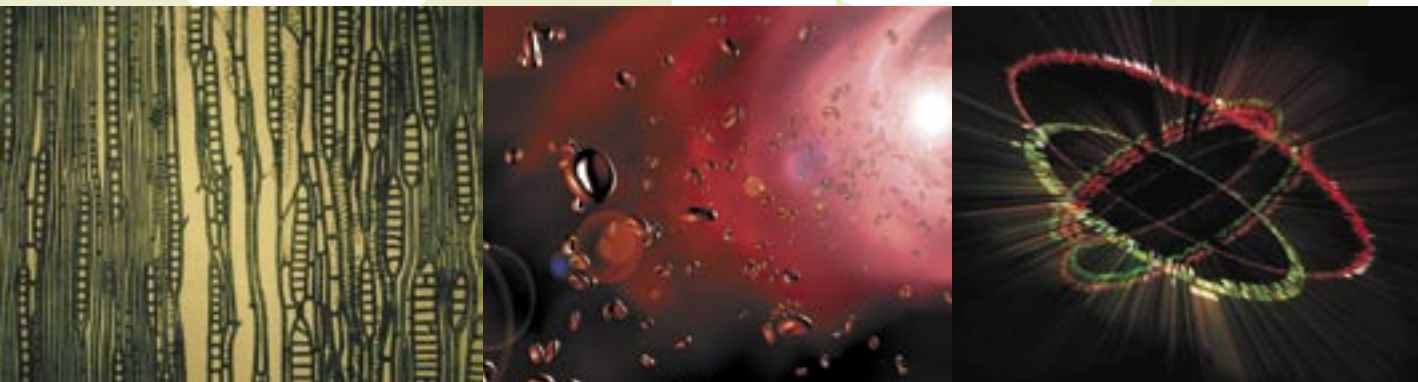
First Minister Jack McConnell welcomed the agreement saying, "Scotland has a worldwide reputation for the strength of its universities and the excellence of its education system. It's fantastic that Singapore has chosen to recognise that reputation."

"This partnership will be great for Dundee and for Scotland. It will initiate a flow of top quality postgraduates to this country and ensure that we build on our leading position in the field of life sciences."

The MOU will enable the University of Dundee and A\*STAR to develop a co-operative relationship in joint research, education and training in life sciences, building on the international expertise and reputation both institutions hold in the field.

Awardees of the A\*STAR-Dundee Partnership PhD Scholarship will be jointly supervised by researchers from A\*STAR and the University and will spend approximately two years at each institution.

below: The Singapore alumni group met in early 2006



## Art and Science Collide

During its recent visit to China, the University staged an exhibition of work from its Arts Meets Science: Inspiration & Discovery programme which has catalysed a host of relationships between artists and scientists.

The exhibition was held at Singapore's Biopolis Centre and contained a range of works including photography, animation and screen printing that transformed scientific fact into visually stunning artworks.

left to right:

- Cartografia* by Paul Harrison •
- Vascular Flow* by John McGhee in collaboration with Dr Graeme Houston •
- Potato Pathogen* by Elaine Shemilt

### Natural resources and energy in China

CEPMLP, the University's Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law & Policy and Science, is the leading graduate school worldwide in the field of natural resources, energy and environmental policy. Its outstanding level of research and education have been recognised by a Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade (2004) and its current 5\* RAE rating.

Among its major research themes, CEPMLP has a long and established relationship with China. A decade ago, CEPMLP Director Professor Philip Andrews-Speed initiated the China programme, which built on the centre's expertise in East Asia and transition economies. Today, CEPMLP is established as a leading centre of expertise in policy and regulation within China's energy and natural resources sectors, as well as making a significant contribution to debate on energy and regional security in Asia.

Current and ongoing research themes include energy policy and regulation in China, international implications of China's energy policy, the overseas activities of China's national oil companies, policies for small-scale coal mining in China and the social dimensions of China's energy policy.

Further strengthening ties with Asia, CEPMLP recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the International Law Institute of Wuhan University – the oldest and leading international law institute in a Chinese University. The agreement will see the establishment of shared Masters Degree credits between the two institutions.

The Centre is highly regarded in China and Professor Andrews-Speed has been invited by the United Nations Development Programme to take a leading role in a 2007 conference on China's energy law and policy.

Another CEPMLP academic, Dr Janet Liao recently published the first research of its kind, studying the role of Chinese foreign policy think tanks in China's Japan policy-making process. Her book is called Chinese Foreign Policy Think Tanks and China's Policy Towards Japan.

### Conserving India's ancient world

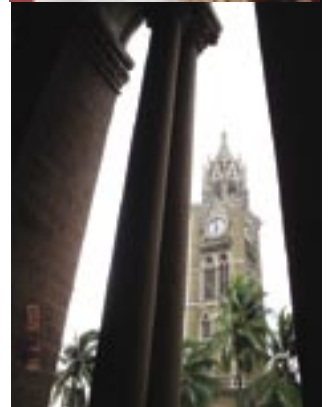
Aishwarya Tipnis (top right) grew up in the multi-faceted ancient, colonial and modern capital city of New Delhi in India and has had a life-long passion for architecture and history.

Aishwarya was one of only six Indian graduates awarded the prestigious Scottish International Scholarship in 2006. She chose to use her scholarship, which is run by the British Council on behalf of the Scottish Executive, to fund an MSc in European Urban Conservation at Dundee.

She chose the course at Dundee above others she was offered at University College London and the Universities of York and Bath due to the comprehensive course content covered at Dundee and the practical experience gained throughout the year.

"This course will give me an exposure to the latest conservation practices and procedures being adopted in the UK and a deeper understanding of conservation approaches in terms of urban controls, architectural guidelines and development restrictions in conservation areas," Aishwarya said.

Armed with these new skills and knowledge in conservation techniques, Aishwarya plans to return to India when she finishes the course in Dundee. Her hope is to make conservation successful in India by getting people involved in preserving their urban heritage. Since starting in 1991, the MSc in European Urban Conservation programme has attracted graduate students from all over the world.





### Dundee represents UK in Shanghai

The international reputation of the University's Duncan of Jordanstone College was highlighted in 2006 when students were invited to exhibit at China's largest and most influential contemporary art event, the Shanghai Biennale.

Duncan of Jordanstone College was the only UK institution represented at the Students' Exhibition of the Biennale. In total, 12 students from Dundee exhibited and Marlene Ivey, course director for the Master of Design programme delivered a keynote speech.

### Central Asian Water Ministers meet at Dundee

The University became a neutral meeting place for Ministers and senior government officials from eight Central Asian states to discuss one of the most pressing issues in the area - the sharing of water resources. Demands for water in the area have been rising at the same time as the main body of water - the Aral Sea - has been diminished. At the meeting in Dundee the countries discussed the role of water law in managing their international and national water resources.



Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan were all represented at the meeting which was convened under the auspices of the Global Water Partnership. The meeting was chaired by Dr Patricia Wouters, Director of the International Water Law Research Institute at the University of Dundee, and Dr Vadim Sokolov, Central Asian Director of the Global Water Partnership.

"This was a major coup for Dundee and reinforces our position on the map as the global focal point for discussions on international water resources management issues, with water law as a catalyst for co-operation," said Dr Wouters.

"The serious challenges in Central Asia, where the Aral Sea has been severely diminished, and where demand for water is ever increasing, can be addressed with the reform of water laws at the national and international levels. The meeting provided a catalyst for peace in the region, bringing together national leaders in the water resources management field. Scotland provides a welcome forum to discuss water resources issues."

The aim of the IWLR is to develop and share knowledge and expertise in international and national water law and policy so that all citizens, especially the most disadvantaged, have equitable and sustainable access to the world's water.

### Hong Kong Alumni Scholarship

The University of Dundee Hong Kong Alumni Scholarship Trust will be launched in 2007. The scholarship will provide opportunities for talented Hong Kong students who are academic achievers unable to fund studies outside Hong Kong, to study at Dundee. These scholars will gain a multi-cultural awareness and it is hoped they will become leaders in their chosen field and eventually take up major positions in the Hong Kong community.



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at Glamis Castle

Invitation to

## Graduates' Council Annual Event 2007

Sunday 17 June 2007

Glamis Castle Gardens

Relax with friends - join in the fun!



### programme

1pm • Afternoon activities

- Ron Elder's Jazz Band
- Treasure Hunt in the Italian gardens
- Refreshment tent
- Nature trail walk
- River and pinetum walks
- Falconry display
- Official University of Dundee merchandise on sale

4pm • Graduates' Council Annual Meeting 2007

Brief presentations from:

- Convener of GC Business Committee
- GC Court assessors

## welcome back in 2007

Last year's 'Reunion at the Union' drew some favourable comments, and continued the theme of holding the first part of the annual event in DUSA. We had a good attendance and the meeting was followed by the Discovery Lecture delivered by writer, broadcaster and politician Edwina Currie in front of a capacity audience in the Bonar Hall. She was very entertaining and well received.



2006 Discovery Lecturer Edwina Currie and Convener Brian Cairns

This year's arrangements for the annual event couldn't be more different. The University, celebrating its 40th Anniversary, with the Homecoming Weekend, **Reunite in Dundee 2007**, invited Graduates' Council to organise the **Picnic Afternoon at Glamis Castle Gardens for Sunday 17 June**, which we are pleased to do.

An exciting afternoon is planned and former Rector, Lorraine Kelly, will attend, commitments permitting. A local company, Allison-Gray, have sponsored a marquee to be erected on the lawn adjacent to the castle. Alumni are invited to arrive at 1.00pm. Bring a picnic or purchase food from the Castle's kitchen restaurant, or book a sandwich picnic for £5 via the homecoming website [www.dundee.ac.uk/homecoming2007/booking](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/homecoming2007/booking)

### Family Fun

Discounted admission to Glamis Castle Gardens, including a tour of the castle and access to the gardens and grounds, is £6.50 per person for alumni and their families. The rate is £3.60 for children over 5 years, and under-5s go free. If a tour of the castle is not required, a discounted entry fee of just £3.70 has been arranged. Bring your family for a great day out and succumb to the charms of this historic and picturesque part of Angus.

For those graduates who would like to attend, the **Annual Meeting of Graduates' Council** will commence at **4.00pm**. If you have travelled to the Homecoming Weekend by air or rail, or you require assistance due to physical disability, and therefore require transport to Glamis, please contact the Alumni Office on 01382 384822 by **30 April 2007**. Graduates who wish to attend the Annual Meeting only are also asked to contact the Alumni Relations Office by **30 April 2007**.

We look forward to welcoming all graduates to Glamis and to a warm, sunny June afternoon.

## graduates' council is evolving

Graduates' Council and the University are progressing Regional Advisory Boards as a way of broadening GC representation in order to make it less Tayside-centric. Job descriptions for members of overseas Alumni Groups are currently being drawn up and it is hoped to have this operational in the near future.

Participation in an area of fundraising activity offers an excellent opportunity for Graduates' Council involvement and the University would be delighted if alumni were to assist with the fundraising campaign for Diabetes Research, which is being led by Professors Andrew Morris and Dario Alessi. Please visit [www.dundee.ac.uk/externalrelations/funds/drc/](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/externalrelations/funds/drc/) for more details and how you can help with this very worthwhile initiative. It will require the commitment of alumni if we are to make a worthwhile contribution to the campaign – and it could be fun also.

Another area where alumni can make a very worthwhile contribution is in assisting the Careers Service and Student Recruitment. Alumni Relations works closely with both areas, providing alumni helpers at Education Fairs and preparing final year students for the workplace by providing alumni speakers at careers seminars.

At the away day last year, Head of Careers Service, Graham Nicholson, outlined possibilities for alumni involvement which could be very rewarding both for the University and on a personal level. Recently, at DUSA, I gave a lunchtime talk to third and fourth year design students and was surprised at the very good attendance. The audience was a mix of designers and silversmithing / jewellery students. Sharing the platform was Fiona Maguire who graduated BA Hons, Jewellery and Metalsmithing, in 1988. Feedback was positive and the students enjoyed the event tremendously. DUSA are to be congratulated on their enterprise in setting up the series of lunchtime careers talks across many disciplines with invitations to speak going out to local alumni. Please get in touch if you would like to help in this area.

Copies of this year's agenda and the minutes from the 2006 Annual Meeting can be downloaded from [www.dundee.ac.uk/externalrelations/alumni/gradcouncil.htm](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/externalrelations/alumni/gradcouncil.htm) or contact the Alumni Office on **01382 384822**, email [alumni@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@dundee.ac.uk)

Brian Cairns • Convener of Graduates' Council Business Committee



Graduates' Council Business Committee members 2006/07

## graduates' council fund

The GC Fund Terms of Reference and revised application procedure, including new application criteria proposals, have been the subject of review. The GC Business Committee has acknowledged for some time the need to tighten up the application and grant procedure in order to bring more clarity and transparency to the process.

This review was long overdue and together with the recent liquidation of the Bell Canada shares and the investment of the capital into the University Endowment Fund, the arrangements are much improved. We are also examining ways of heightening awareness of the GC Fund both from a donations viewpoint and attracting applications.

An award of £500 was made to Dundee University Music Society in December 2006 and was the only award made in the last year.

The fund needs your support in order to continue to make awards to worthwhile projects. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Alumni Office.

In December 2005, an award of £1000 was made to Andrea Bloomfield (right), a second year medical student whose application was profiled in the 2006 issue of Dundee Reunited. Andrea has now completed her trip to Ghana where she worked with Volunteer Projects Abroad on a six week medical project and she has agreed to give a presentation on her experiences at the March meeting of the Graduates' Council Business Committee.

Maurice Golden's term as a Director of the Graduates' Council Fund has ended and Hazel Stewart has been nominated and appointed to succeed him.



## business committee members

Member	Expiry of Office
Professor Ann Burchell	2007
Steven Blane (President DUSA)	ex-officio
Chris Bustin	2007
Brian Cairns (Convener of Business Committee)	2008
Dudley Kay	2009
Iain Wright	2009
Jason Norris	2009
Sir Alan Langlands (Principal)	ex-officio
Charles Lovatt	2008
Chris McDonald	2007
John Milligan (Chairman of Court)	ex-officio
Fraser Millar	2008
Dr Hazel Stewart	co-opted
Eric Sanderson (Court Assessor)	ex-officio
William O Wilson (Court Assessor)	ex-officio
Dr Frank A Zwolinski	2008

## join us

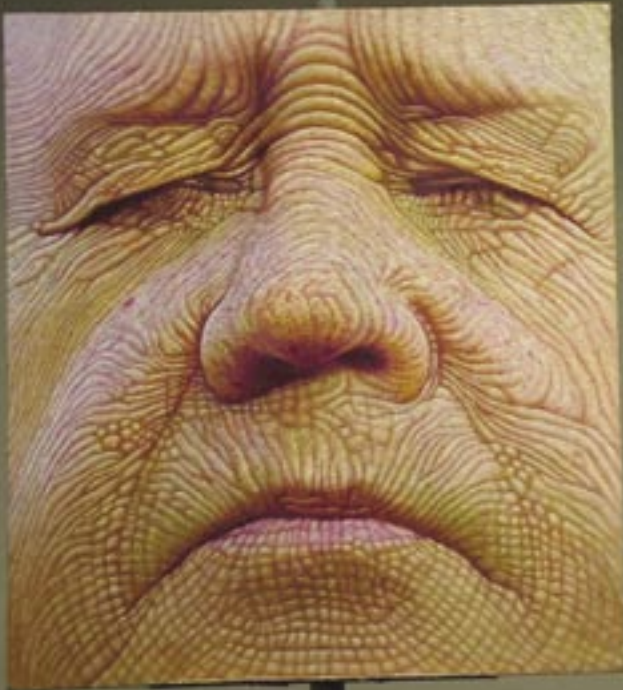
Three vacancies will exist on the Business Committee, and nominations are now invited for candidates for the normal three year period of office. Further details and application forms can be obtained from the Alumni Relations Office.

The election will take place at the meeting in accordance with Graduates' Council Regulations (Ordinance 20).

"Elections for the Business Committee shall be held at the annual meeting of the Council. The Secretary shall invite nominations in the press notices for the annual meeting as well as in the papers issued therefor. Nominations may be made by a proposer and seconder in writing accompanied by the candidate's consent in writing and shall reach the Secretary before the hour of the annual meeting. Nominations duly proposed and seconded of persons present may also be made at the meeting. The election shall be by ballot on voting papers provided at the meeting. In the event of a tie the elections shall be decided by the drawing of lots".

There is a vacancy for Graduates' Council Assessor to the University Court, effective July 2007. The election for this vacancy will take place at the Annual Meeting in 2007.

## Major scholarship success for DoJ graduate



**Simon Reekie, who has become extremely well known for his striking 3D pictures of his family, has won thousands of pounds worth of scholarships to continue studies at the prestigious School of the Art Institute of Chicago.**

Simon, who graduated from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, won a Fulbright Scholarship in 2005 to study on the Master of Fine Art programme at Chicago. More recently, he has successfully attracted funding to pursue the second year of the course.

"I have been absolutely thrilled by the support I have received in continuing my studies in Chicago," he said. "It can be really tough to get funding as competition for scholarships is really intense, but it is extremely encouraging for me to get this support."

Simon was awarded the St Andrew's Society of Washington DC's James and Mary Dawson Scholarship, the Elizabeth Greenshield Foundation grant, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago International Scholarship, and grants from the Scottish International Education Trust and the City of Dundee Educational Trust.

Simon became well known for the spectacular painting of his father which he donated to the City of Dundee and now hangs in the city's McManus Galleries.

## Bush appoints Dundee grad to healthcare role

**Christa Calamas (MPhil Public Policy, 1994) has been appointed by Governor of Florida Jeb Bush to serve as Secretary of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). Previously, she served as AHCA's General Counsel, in addition to Assistant General Counsel for the Executive Office of the Governor.**

Christa came to Dundee in the mid 1990s as a Rotary Ambassadorial Student and completed her MPhil in public policy at the University. While in Dundee, Christa stayed with the family of Ron McCabe who was president of the Rotary Club at the time.

Ron still keeps in touch with Christa and said, "She is a superb girl and we looked on her as another daughter. She was 24 when she stayed with us and hit it off with our own daughter."

Since 2000, Christa has been an integral figure behind the scenes of Florida's health care issues. As Assistant General Counsel for Governor Bush, she acted as a legal liaison between the Governor's Office and the Florida Departments of Health, Elder Affairs, Children and Families and AHCA, coordinating multi-agency litigation and integrating sound policy. During her tenure, Calamas played a significant role in successfully implementing the Governor's priorities and long-term goals in the State of Florida.



## DoJ makes its mark at the TATE

Six alumni from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design were among 36 artists specially selected for the 2006 Tate Triennial in London.

Tate Britain holds the exhibition every three years to showcase new developments in art. The Dundee alumni formed one-sixth of the number involved in the exhibition, a proportion hailed as evidence of the extremely high quality on offer at Duncan of Jordanstone over a number of years.

In addition, Ian Hamilton Finlay, a visiting professor at DJCAD, and Marc Chaimowicz, who used to teach at DJCAD, also exhibited.

The six Dundee alumni were: Luke Fowler, Lucy McKenzie, Alan Michael, Scott Myles, Christopher Orr and Richard Couzins.

## Double award success for Life Scientist

**Life Sciences PhD graduate, Frank Sargent, has won both the Colworth Medal and the Fleming Prize – the first time any scientist has received the two awards in one year.**

The Colworth Medal is awarded annually for outstanding research by a British Biochemist under the age of 36. The recipient also receives £2000. Frank was awarded the Medal for his seminal discoveries in *E. coli* physiology.

Frank was also awarded the Fleming Prize lecture and £1000 from the Society for General Microbiology, following in his wife, Professor Tracy Palmer's footsteps. Tracy, also a life sciences graduate from Dundee, won the Prize a few years previously.

"As a microbial biochemist I was absolutely delighted to be awarded the Fleming Prize, especially as my wife had won this herself a few years before. To be awarded the Colworth Medal soon after was just fantastic. It is wonderful to receive recognition on this scale from my colleagues in the scientific community," Frank said.

His former supervisor Professor David Boxer, who is now a University Vice-Principal, said, "The thoughtfulness and commitment that he has displayed as a research student have served him well. He has produced some outstanding work and fully merits the double award, which is a unique achievement."

Frank is now a Royal Society University Research Fellow at the University of East Anglia. The Colworth Medal was first awarded in 1963. Peter Garland, the first Professor of Biochemistry at the University received the medal in 1968. Since 1978, seven other members of the School of Life Sciences have received the award.

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## DoJ artist short-listed for top prize

Duncan of Jordanstone graduate Delia Bailie has been awarded £5,000 and short-listed for one of Britain's leading arts prizes – the Aspect Prize 2006.

The four were picked from a record number of 178 entries from across Scotland – the highest since the Aspect Prize was launched in 2003.

"I am absolutely delighted," said Delia. "I really wasn't expecting it as it was a last minute decision to enter. It is a great chance to get my work exhibited south of the border."

Delia mixes paint and print, and her work is inspired by science, especially evolution, whether it is in plants or in planets. Her short-listed entry is called *Vasculum*, part of group of paintings using acrylic and screenprint on board called Tropopause.

Now based in the WASPS studios in Dundee, she has exhibited across Scotland and is a part-time art lecturer at Duncan of Jordanstone College.

## This Little Piggy on the ladder of success

**A children's shoe shop set up by 1992 Duncan of Jordanstone graduate Pam Walker has walked away with a host of awards.**

The company – This Little Piggy – was named winner of the Perthshire Chamber of Commerce Best Retail Award and the Bank of Scotland Business Excellence Award in 2005.

Pam first started the business in 1999 after experiencing problems in finding footwear for her first child's "difficult" feet and deciding to open her own shop selling fashionable footwear for children. Her next aim is to break into the women's footwear retail business. Pam now has two shops in Methven Street, Perth and Broughty Ferry, Dundee.



## Tayforth UOTC Regimental Association

**Members attended a cocktail party in the City Chambers in May 2006 followed by the Annual Beating of Retreat in the City Square, Dundee.**

The 2006 Inter-Universities annual competition "Northern Lights" was held in Redford, Edinburgh in the Spring. Tayforth had excellent results, particularly in football and our Pipes and Drums almost swept the board including winning the Band Quaich. This site should bring back some memories:

**[www.tayforthphotos.co.uk/gallery/index.php](http://www.tayforthphotos.co.uk/gallery/index.php)**

President Major Alan Robertson attended the Annual Camp at Warcop. This was Col Chris Wilman's last camp.

The year was saddened by the tragic death of an Associate member, Thomas Grant, on a train in Cumbria, on his way home. Tom was 19 years old, a student at St Andrews University and a popular member of the UOTC. A memorial service was held at St Andrews on 20 October.

The AGM was held in Park Wynd, Dundee followed by a Supper in the Officers' Mess. A Michaelmas Dinner was held on 29th September in Perth, instead of the St Andrews Night Dinner of other years.

It is hoped that the new date will be more popular. Membership of the Association is open to all former members of Tayforth or St Andrews UOTC: particulars may be obtained from the Hon Secretary or Adjutant at Tayforth UOTC HQ, Park Wynd, Dundee, DD1 5HG. Telephone 01382 225981.

We want to hear from you. Let us know what you are doing now. Personal news of members and any other contributions (including JPG-format photographs) for inclusion in Association Newsletters are welcomed, and should be submitted by email, as attachments using Microsoft Word, direct to the editor at **[tayforthnews@uwclub.net](mailto:tayforthnews@uwclub.net)**. Every Newsletter includes a deadline for the next issue.

The Association welcomes the new CO, Lt Col Hugo Grant.

# where are they now?



**1956**

**Ahmad Tehrani, LLB:** Is retired First Vice President of Wealth Management at Citigroup Smith Barney. Ahmad, who has kindly donated to the University Diabetes Campaign, visited the Alumni Relations Office recently.

**1970**

**Michael I Brooke, DipDes:** Is a Director with Juniper Green in Oakham, Leicestershire.

**1971**

**Douglas W Kirk, Dip Fine Art:** Currently teaching animation & drawing related subjects at the Art Institute of California-Los Angeles and is still interested in playing the guitar.

**1972**

**Alexander R Benzies, BSc:** Previously worked in Project Management for BAE Systems and is now fulfilling a similar role in the Construction Industry.

**Alan T Dickson, BSc & PhD (1980):**

In 1993, set up Solstice International (LLC), a modest trading company dealing mainly in solar and wind powered items and accessories, located on the Sheikh Zayed Highway near Dubai World Trade Center.

**Roger A Walker, MA:** Started off in journalism in London & Glasgow with DC Thomson, moved to radio news and since 1989 has been working freelance, including working as editor/writer with BBC World Service.

**1973**

**Katharine J Lackie, DipDes:** Is CEO of Lackie & Company in Edinburgh.

**1974**

**Richard Britton, LLB:** After working as Head of Nationwide BS mortgage section in their Head Office, he became a Director of the family pharmaceutical business, retiring in 1989. Now on the Lawn Tennis Association Governing Council and is Chairman of Rules.

**Ian N Campbell, BSc:** Retired in 2004 having spent his working life as a Design Engineer - most recently at NCR Dundee.

**Malcolm J Wilson, MA:** Is a Partner in Wilson & Co. in York.

**1975**

**William C Patey, MA:** Joined the Foreign Office in 1975, serving mainly in the Middle East, most recently as Ambassador in Sudan (2002-5) and Iraq (2005-6). Has just returned to the Foreign Office and is likely to go overseas again in 2007.

**E John Keating, BDS:** Is the Clinical Director of Salaried Dental Services for Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire.

**D Nigel Pennie, MA:** Is a keen sportsman who is Head of PE at Morrisons Academy, Crieff. His daughter, Fiona, is a member of the GB Senior Canoe Slalom Team and won a silver medal at the 2006 World Championships in Prague.

**1976**

**Robert B Gibson, BSc:** Is a partner in a Chartered Accountancy practice in Northumberland.

**1977**

**John R Simmons, BSc:** Is working as Marketing Manager with Menarini Pharmaceuticals UK, based in Buckinghamshire.

**1978**

**Alan J Dickson, BSc:** In the early 1980's Alan moved to Glasgow where he became a blues performer and writer. Since the 1990's he has devoted his time to raising his family but continues to write. He currently works in Glasgow City Council's Cultural and Leisure Services as a Policy Development Officer.

**Rahmatally Caunhye, MA:** Is currently working as Economic/Commercial Assistant at the US Embassy in Mauritius.

**1978**

**Alexander A Nixon, BMedSc & MBChB (1981):** Is GP Principal in Townhead Surgery, Irvine.

**Judith E Taylor, MBChB:** Is Medical Director in Albert Gallatin Hospice in Uniontown, USA.

**1979**

**Andrew Baxter, BSc(Arch):** Is a Partner of Nicoll Russell Studios in Dundee.

**Denis C Mourelatos, PhD:** Is working in Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece as Professor of Gen Biology & Genetics.

**John I Oragui, MSc:** Is a Biomedical Scientist in Harefield Hospital, Uxbridge.

**1980**

**Stuart A Hirst, LLB:** Is Managing Director of Avebell Ltd, Lancashire.

**James J Trysburgh, BSc:** Is EO Programmes Director with Selex Sensors & Airborne Systems Ltd, based in Edinburgh.

**Alexander J E Warren, LLB & MA**

**(1983):** Is Senior Trust Administrator with Foot Anstey Sargent in Plymouth.

**Harry J Woodroof, BSc:** Completed his MSc at Loughborough and PhD at Southampton where he met wife, Jane. He has worked in the Ministry of Defence and a series of jobs in Whitehall. In 2005, he moved to the staff of the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser, joining the Horizon Scanning Centre to run their science and technology futures programme.

**King F Wong, BSc:** Is Project Manager with Shun Heng Construction Co Ltd in Macau.

**1981**

**Asad A Bashey, BMedSc & MBChB (1984):** Is a BMT Physician with Blood & Marrow Transport GP of Georgia, Atlanta, USA.

**1983**

**Yok F Y Chang, MBChB:** Is a GP in Brighton.

**John R W Miller, BSc (Arch):** Is Director of Keppie Design Ltd in Glasgow.

**1985**

**Lyndon R Merrett, BSc:** Lyndon is currently a Lecturer, but has previously worked in the Electronics Engineering business.

**1986**

**Rakesh K (Ricky) Bhabutta, MBChB:** Is still serving in the Army, currently seconded to work in the Scottish Executive as a senior medical officer with responsibility for medical workforce, medical education and medical regulation.

**1987**

**Fergus I McDonald, MA:** Is Director & Head of Finance with F & C Asset Management PLC in Edinburgh.

**1988**

**James C Binning, BSc:** Is a Software Product Manager in TRL Ltd in Wokingham.

**Gerald D Mulholland, LLB:** Is a Partner with Eversheds in Leeds.

**Andrew M McKenzie, BAdmin:**

Completed his MSc in Investment Analysis at Stirling University where he met his wife, Penny. Worked in London before moving in 1992 to North Carolina, USA where he studied for his PhD in Economics at North Carolina State University. He is now carrying out research and teaching in University of Arkansas. However, he's still an ardent supporter of Sunderland AFC.

**Dehigaspitiyage D Prabhath, MSc:**

After completing his degree, he returned to the Open University of Sri Lanka receiving many promotions and became Director/IT in 2004.

**Robert B Sampson, BSc:** Is the Proprietor of RS Minerals in Guisborough.

**Kenneth J Thompson, MBChB:**

Is working as a GP in Fife, married to Susan whom he met at Dundee University (European Politics and German). They have two children, one of each, aged 9 and 6.

**1989**

**E Philip Keers, BAdmin:** Is a Project Manager with NCB Stockbrokers in Dublin. Phil was President of the University Sports Union in the late 1980s.

**Elizabeth H Roberts, BDS:** Is a Dental Surgeon in Wolverhampton, working with Gibbons & Associates.

**Philip M Rogers, DipEd & MEd**

**(2005):** Is working in Jeddah as Head of Physics at British International School of Jeddah.

**Brian J Tait, LLB & DipLegPrac**

**(1990):** Is a Partner with Drummond Miller LLP in Dunfermline.

**1990**

**Lesley M Elrick, LLB & DipLegPrac (1991):** Is a Partner with Garden Stirling Burnet in Haddington.

**Peter D MacWhirter, BA:** Is founder of The Maritime and Atlantic Printmakers Society and is currently coordinating the international printmaking exhibition tour across Canada and Asia, through to March 2008. See: [www.maaps.ca](http://www.maaps.ca)

**Sonya A Summersgill, MA:** Is working in Lisburn with the Ministry of Defence.

**1991**

**Jill E Carrell, MA:** Is Director of Public Affairs with the Scottish Rural Property and Business Association, based in Musselburgh.

# where are they now?

**Mark C K Hamilton, MBChB:** Is a Consultant Cardiac Radiologist with United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust.

**Sheila S Johnston, MBChB:** Is an Associate Specialist Psychiatrist at Huntercombe Edinburgh Hospital.

**Robert C McCormick, BAcc:** Is Contract Director with Serco Security in Glasgow.

## 1991-1992

Canadian Exchange Students

**Beth Richardson** is with the Canadian Embassy in Moscow.

**Ian Trites** is Second Secretary (Political) and Vice Consul at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, Japan

**Juanita Rossiter** was selected by the Nelson Mandela Foundation (NMF) to help with the design and development of a physical and virtual Mandela archives at the Foundation's Centre of Memory in South Africa.

## 1992

**David J Colbran, BSc T&RP:** Having worked previously at London South Bank University and University of London as an IT Manager, in 2004 David changed career, establishing his IT web consultancy and digital photography business in Liverpool ([www.djcdesign.co.uk](http://www.djcdesign.co.uk)). Graduate, **Shonagh Wilkie, BSc T & RP 1992**, works with David.

**Siobhan Wallace, MBChB:** Is a GP in Coleraire.

## 1993

**Claire M Caution, MA:** After graduating in 1993, completed a postgrad in Librarianship at Robert Gordons the following year. Moved to Cumbria where she worked in the library service and is now in Carlisle working as a Policy Officer for Cumbria County Council. Claire is engaged to Carl and hopes to marry next year.

**James W Coutts, MA:** Is Proprietor of James Coutts Driving School in Kirkcaldy.

**Ioannis T Famelis, MSc:** Is an Assistant Professor in TEI of Athens.

**Declan T Gaffney, MSc:** Is working in Limerick with Banta Corporation as a Manufacturing Engineer.

**Brian M Lochrie, MA:** Is now living in SE Asia, but currently working as a Project Manager in Australia for an American company in the oil industry.

**Charles N Russell, BSc:** Is a Senior Research Fellow in Glasgow Caledonian University.

## 1994

**Timothy L Farrow, MSc:** Is Product Manager with Vision Fire Security.

**Scott Henderson, BSc:** Is Managing Director of Johnston Press PLC, Edinburgh.

**D Peter Kingston, BArch:** Is a Partner with Gaudie Wright & Partners of Dundee

**James A Nicholson, MA:** Is Operations Manager with Arsenal Football Club.

**Mayank Patel, BSc(Arch):** Is working as an Architect with Gensler in London.

**Jason G Vause, BEng & PhD**

**(2001):** Is now working in software development as a Project Manager on [www.BT.com](http://www.BT.com). He is currently living in Stowmarket with his partner, Nicky.

## 1995

**Paul Easto, BSc T&RP and Neil Birnie, LLB,** whose company Wilderness Scotland has received another prestigious award recently. See: [www.wildernessscotland.com](http://www.wildernessscotland.com)

**Nicholas C Fentiman, BAcc:** Is Senior Data Analyst with EDF Energy PLC in London.

**Symeon S Kalamatianos, MSc** Is a Senior Manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Athens.

**Bernard McAuley, MSc:** Is a Digital Physical Design Engineer with Cambridge Silicon Radio.

## 1996

**Timothy Medcoff, MPhil:** Has recently been elected to partnership, in Quarles & Brady Streich Lang LLP in Tucson, Arizona.



**Rowan R Myron, MA:** Is working in London with The Mental Health Foundation as a Grants Manager & Senior Research Officer.

**Penelope E O'Connor, MSc:** Is working in Perth, Australia as a Senior Conservation Officer with Heritage Council of Western Australia.

**Timothy D Passey, BSc:** Is our Alumni Group Organiser in Singapore and is working as Account Director, Singapore/Malaysia with MediTech Media Asia Pacific Pte Ltd.



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# where are they now?

1996

**Sara E Morrow, BSc:** Is Research & Advocacy Co-ordinator for The Northern Ireland Chest Heart & Stroke Association.

**Harsha P Reddy, BSc & MBChB (2001):** Is a Specialist Registrar (Anaesthetics & ITU) with Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust.

**Samantha A Rochford, LLB & LLM (1998):** Is Contracts Manager with Tin Technology Ltd in St Albans.

1997

**Raymond Anderson, BSc:** Is working for BBC Scotland in Glasgow.

**Deborah C Box, MBChB:** Is a Paediatrician at Martin House Hospice for Children & Young People in Wetherby.

**Christopher C Hill, MA:** Is living in Stockholm and working as an English teacher.

**Alexander S C Kilpatrick, BSc:** Is Head of National Accounts with Multiassistance Ltd in St Albans.

**Katherine Selfe, BSc:** Is currently studying as a student midwife with the University of Nottingham.

**Gregor D Shaw, LLB:** Is Head of UK Tax with Welbeck Consulting in London.

**Konstantinos Theodosiou, MSc:** Is in Chios, Greece and working with University of the Aegean as a Contract Lecturer.

**Poh L Wong, MBA:** Is a Product Manager with Merck Malaysia S/B.

1998

**Tracy Gearie, BDS:** Is the owner of Riverside Dental Practice in Newport-on-Tay.

**Julia C McKenzie, BSc:** Is currently living in Southampton and having previously worked in Southampton Hospital Pharmacy, is now looking for voluntary or paid work in adult mental health.

**Jacqueline A McGirr, BAcc:** Is currently working as Senior Internal Auditor for the Kerry Group in Australia, having moved there with husband Jarlath in December 2006.

**Louise J Paterson, BAcc:** Is working in Aberdeen with Accenture as European Accountant.

**Elaine C Shearer, MSW:** Is a Senior Social Worker with South Lanarkshire Council Social Work Department.

1999

**Katrina M Anderson, MA:** Is currently working with British Red Cross as Tracing and Message Co-ordinator. Katrina is looking forward to meeting up with former University friends at 2007 Homecoming Event in June.



2003

**Sathya Shreeram, PhD:** Is a Research Fellow in the Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Singapore

**Vasilios Banioras, BSc:** Is an Account Manager with UCI Hellas in Thessaloniki, Greece.

**Susan M Beths, BSc:** Is a Veterinary Surgeon in St Kitts with Ross University of Veterinary Medicine.

**Alison A Edwards, BSc:** Is a Post-doctoral Researcher with Imperial College London.

**Steven T Lenton, BDes & MDes (2001):** Is Art Director of Pesky Ltd in London.

2000

**Sally C Dennett, BNursing:** Since graduating in 2000, worked as a Registered Nurse in General Medicine and Cardiothoracic Intensive Care in Scotland before emigrating in Dec 2004 to Boston, Massachusetts where she is now working in Trauma Intensive Care.

**Craig A Frew, BSc & MSc (2004):** Is Senior Buildings Consultant with Scottish Lime Centre Trust in Charlestown, Fife.

**Alastair G T Gamble, BArch:** Is working with The Syntax Group in Maidenhead as Architectural Designer & Project Leader.

**Fiona B Harris, BSc:** Is a Senior Planner with Jacobs Babbie Ltd in Glasgow.

**Graham S Harris, BSc:** Has moved to Calgary, Canada where he is continuing to study for his MSc in Energy & Sustainable Building Design (distance learning).

**Kay B McManus, MSc:** Is working with the British Geological Society in Nottingham as a Remote Sensing Geologist.

2001

**Alistair Cargill, PhD:** Is a Flood Risk Hydrologist in Perth with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

**David Green, BAcc:** Has bought a new house in his home town of Castle Douglas and is currently working for NHS Dumfries & Galloway in Management Accounts.

**Damien Devlin, BSc T&RP:** Having previously worked in Belfast and Milton Keynes, Damien returned to Scotland in 2003. He and former colleagues started up a new independent research and public consultations company in July 2006 – 2collaborate communications ([www.2collaborate.co.uk](http://www.2collaborate.co.uk)) - where he is Business Development Director.

**Paula Gilleland, MA:** Has recently returned from South Korea where she was a teaching Professor at Soongsil University in Seoul and is now living in America with husband and son, while pursuing further studies in the education field.

**Kathryn A Neill, BDes:** Is teaching Art & Design in Monifieth High School.

**Kirsty A Shaw, BDS:** Is a Dentist in Glenrothes at Dovecot Clinic.

**Fiona Short, BSc:** Is an Historic Buildings Officer with Stockton Borough Council.

**Roger H Warburton, BSc:** Is an Environmental Awareness Development Officer for Global Action Plan in Dublin.

2002

**Evelyn J Abernethy, BDes:** Recently completed PGDE in Secondary Art Teaching and now enjoys teaching in a High School in Cumbernauld.

**Kristen Anderson, BSc:** Is a Senior Planner in Edinburgh with The Scottish Executive.

**Sarah L Bloom, BDes:** Is an Art Teacher in Colne Valley High School, Huddersfield.

**Stephen T Gallacher, BEng:** After graduating, Stephen worked with GlobalSantaFe as a Trainee Well Designer but is now employed by a major scaffolding contractor as a Scaffold Design Engineer.

**John A Hynes, BFin:** Is working in Preston with Errigal Developments Ltd as an Investment Manager and Property Developer.

**Abisola A Iroche, LLM:** Is a Chartered Secretary with Intrust Ltd in London.

**Alan R North, BSc:** Having previously worked as a Game Designer with Vis Entertainment, he is currently an English teacher in South Korea, while he actively pursues other interests in writing, film and music.

**Alison N Reid, LLB:** After graduating, returned to Northern Ireland where she is now working as a qualified solicitor with John McKee & Son, specialising in banking, conveyancing and probate.

**Samuel E Sturrock, LLB & DipLegPrac, LLM (2004):** Is a Solicitor in Edinburgh with Simpson & Marwick WS.

**Beth Woods, MA:** Is Co-Director of Addsomethingchangesomething.com in Portadown.

2003

**Kudzai R Mukaro, DipNursing & BNursing (2005):** Is a Staff Nurse in Herdmanflat Hospital, Haddington.

**Kirsty W Anderson, BEd:** Is teaching in Torbain Primary School, Kirkcaldy.

2004

**Allan Greig, BFin:** Is working in London with Deutsche Bank as a Graduate Analyst in Credit Risk Management.

**Nicola J Iqbal, DipNursing:** Is working in Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh as a Staff Nurse.

**Ait O Lishani, MSc:** Is now Manager of Image Processing Group for Libyan Center for Remote Sensing.

**Laura A Montgomery, BEd:** Is a Class Teacher in Touch Primary School, Dunfermline.



1999

**Lucy McKenzie:** Graduated from Duncan of Jordanstone College in 1999. In 2006, the Talbot Rice Gallery presented her first major Scottish solo exhibition. Her works include commissions for the album artwork for pop group Erasure (above).

## ERITREA

Two of our nursing graduates, **Berhane Russom Zeray** (centre) and **Teclé Haile** (right), are co-authors of a paper on the History and Trends of Nursing in Eritrea, following an interesting study undertaken as part of their course work. The third author, Michael Andemariam (left) is also pictured. To view this informative document please see: [www.dundee.ac.uk/medden/dlc/](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/medden/dlc/) and follow the links to "Activities".



**Muhammad A Mujahed, MBChB:** Is a Senior House Officer in Hull Royal Infirmary.

**Richard H McKee, BEng:** Is an Engineer with Baker Oil Tools (UK) Ltd in Dyce.

**Joanne M Parish, MBChB:** Is working as a SHO in North Manchester General Hospital.

**Reju J Thomas, MMAS:** Is a Consultant Paediatric Laparoscopic Surgeon in Kerala Institute of Medical Sciences, India.

**Kim Tocher, BSc:** Is a Biomedical Scientist in Aberdeen with NHS Grampian.

**Bernadette Wilson, LLB:** Is a Property Paralegal with Dundas & Wilson in Glasgow.

## 2005

**Tossanand Awotar, MSc:** Is an Aerospace Engineering Consultant with Awotar Consulting Engineers in Mauritius.

**Catriona J Barton, DipNursing:** Is working in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee as a Staff Nurse.

**Veronica Brieno Rankin, LLM:** Is a Graduate Intern with Michigan Technological University, USA.

**Cellestine E C'oloo, MMEd:** Is Deputy Principal of Kenya Medical Training College.

**Kathleen Fitzgerald, Diploma in Child Care & Protection Studies:** Is a Child Protection Nurse Specialist in Lochgilphead at Aros Health Centre.

**Raffaele Galleano, MMAS:** Is Attending Surgeon in the Italian National Health Service.

**Catherine T Guvi, BNursing:** Is a RGN with Coventry NHS.

**Melanie I Hunter, BA:** Is a Social Worker with Fife Council.  
**Siobhan M O'Connor, MA:** Is a Social Worker with the Health Service Executive in Ireland.

**Andrew R Potter, PhD:** Is a Research Chemist with Acal Energy Ltd in Liverpool.

**Carlos Prat, LLM:** Is a Senior Associate with one of Chile's leading law firms, Cariola Diez Perez-Cotapos & Cia Ltda in Santiago.

**Asia Rehman, LLB & Dip Leg Prac (2006):** Is currently in the first year of a traineeship at Bruce Shorts Solicitors.

**James G Sanders, MBChB:** Is working as a SHO with NHS Tayside.

**Sharjil Siddique, MSc:** Is a Displays Engineer in Cambridge with Plastic Logic Ltd.

## 2006

**Penny T Lorimer, BA:** Is a Project Worker with Delta in Glenrothes.

**Heather A Wilson, BNursing:** Is a Senior Staff Nurse in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee.

**Sule G Yiacooup, MA:** Is a Graduate Housing Officer in Broomleigh Housing Association, Bromley. Sule was part of the Telephone Campaign student caller team in 2004/5.

# births

## Jatinder Jaggi, Master of Orthopaedic Surgery 2005:

Jatinder and Kanchan are proud parents of Sehar who was born on 3 May 2006. Jatinder was part of the Telephone Campaign student caller team in 2004/5 (right).



## Sue (nee Oxley), BAcc 1995 and Steve Pearse, BAcc

**1994:** On 28 August 2006, Sue and Steve welcomed Edward James to their family – a brother for William. (bottom left).

**Wendy (nee Smith), MA 1995 and Paul Ford, BAcc 1995:** Daughter, Lily was born 29th March 2006 (bottom right).

**Paul Coulter, MBChB 2002** and wife, **Amanda**, are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Ellie Isabella, on 21 March 2006.



# marriages

(1) **Stuart L Gibb, BSc 1998** met his American wife, Elizabeth, while studying for his PhD in Cambridge. They were married on 12 July 2006 at St Palladius Church in Drumtochty Glen by Rev James Clarke of Central Baptist Church, Dundee. Several guests were also Dundee alumni.

(2) **Neil D Fraser, MA 1997** was married to Keri on 26th June 2006. Many Dundee alumni helped the happy couple celebrate.

(3) **Niroshan (Guna) Gunasingham, BSc 1997** and **Miranda M Brennan, MA 1999** were married on 2 September 2006, attending 2 ceremonies – a catholic church wedding followed by a Tamil Nadu blessing. Several of their attendants and guests were also Dundee alumni.

(4) **Huw McConnell, MBChB 1998** and **Siobhan Kenyon, LLB 1997** were married 8 October 2005. The photograph shows the happy couple with some of their Dundee alumni guests.

(5) **Ghislaine T Muir, BSc 2003** married current Dundee Law student, **Stewart Duncan**, at her parents' home in Dumfriesshire on 6th August 2004. Many former student friends from Dundee attended the wedding.

(6) **Won-Ho Lee, BA 2003** was married in Gung-Jong Church in Seoul on 18 February 2006. Members of the South Korean alumni group, including Group Organiser, Ah-Bin Shim, were in attendance.

(7) **Brian Hamilton, BSc 1998** and **Lauren McKenna, BSc 2005** were married in Park Circus, Glasgow on 1st October 2005 before traveling to Malaysia and Bali for their honeymoon.

**Peter A Lindsay, MA 2003** and **Sarah Williams, BSc 2005** were married in Dunblane Cathedral on 6 July 2006.

**Paul Coulter, MBChB 2002** married Amanda Lennon on 22 July 2005. They now have a daughter, Ellie Isabella.

**Grant A Roger, BAcc 2002** and **Nuala M Good, MA Food & Welfare Studies 2002** were married in August 2006. Grant is currently working as an Executive in Edinburgh for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.



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# deaths

John T Bain, CBE	BSc 1934	2/3/2006
Lynne S Dempsey	BSc 1993	10/1998
Kathleen E Doherty	MA Social Work 2000	17/03/2006
James S Elder	BSc 2005 (Biochemistry)	01/08/2006
Isobel M Fearn	MBChB 1933	11/05/2006
Michael Fodor	MA 1973	30/12/2005
Dominic J Handley	MA 1995	10/11/2005
Bill Littlejohn	Diploma in Fine Art 1950	09/2006
Professor Campbell MacFarlane	MBChB 1965	07/2006
George S Maxwell	BSc 1945	11/2005
Jean D Morris	Hon Grad 1993	8/8/2005
W Lindsay Ogilvy	MBChB 1950 or 1951	04/2006
Leslie W Orton	MA 1967	30/07/2006
Thomas J Parkinson	BSc 1943	21/1/2006
Andrew G Petrie	MA 1969	29/07/2006
Onanda Randall	Cert Child Protection Studies 1996	Not known
Tanya J Reddie	Dip Nursing 1998	09/2006
Dr W Syd Scroggie	Hon Grad 2001	09/09/2006
James Strang	LLB 2001	17/06/2005
Brian A Wilson	BSc 1954	24/10/2006

## Mrs Neelam Bahl

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the death of **Mrs Neelam Bahl, (BSc 1970)** from her daughters Amisha and Ekta. Neelam was one of our Group Organisers for India and an excellent ambassador for the University, helping our international officers with recruitment when they visited her country and always recommending the University to prospective students. Our sympathies and sincerest best wishes go to her family.

# reunions



## Dundee Reunion 50 Years on

On Saturday 23 September 2006, 25 Engineering graduates with partners and 7 women graduates who had been residents at West Park Hall met to celebrate the passing of 50 years since starting as undergraduates at Queens College, University of St Andrews in 1956. The reunion lunch was held at West Park Conference Centre where old photographs were displayed and escapades recounted. Participants came from Canada, USA, Spain, France, Norway, England and Scotland and a souvenir booklet has been produced, with recent photos and short biographies of those attending. Another reunion is planned for September 2009 in Dundee for any engineer or resident of West Park Hall who graduated in 1959, 1960 or 1961. For details contact Brenda Whitmell at: [bc@whitmell.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:bc@whitmell.fsbusiness.co.uk)

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## 1992 Town & Regional Planners

Ian Viveash arranged a reunion weekend 5-6 May 2006. On the Friday afternoon, reunion revelers enjoyed a reception in the Town & Regional Planning Department prior to their 'walkabout' to view campus developments. They attended a dinner in the Invercarse Hotel on the Saturday evening.

## 1996 Medics

'The Dundee Medics' 1996 Yearclub had their ten year reunion on Saturday 23rd September at the Hilton in Dundee. There was a good turn out for the meal and ceilidh, with people enjoying it so much that plans for the 15 year reunion in 2011 are already being made! For those interested in joining us then, please contact: [dundee1996@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dundee1996@hotmail.co.uk)



# groups

New Alumni Groups formed in 2006:

**Belgium • Eritrea • Italy • Pakistan • Singapore • Virginia, USA**

## Class of 1996 & Medics of 1997

Jamie Noble arranged a 'mini' reunion of this group and they enjoyed an evening in Edinburgh in October 2006.

## 1986 BA Design

Bob Holmes and Carolyn Nicoll arranged a reunion which was held in Roseangle Gallery on 19th May 2006 after the Degree Show.

# forthcoming reunions

## CEPMLP

30th Anniversary Celebrations in London on 14 June 2007

6pm Anniversary Dinner

Location: The Hall at The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, 8 South Square, London WC1R 5ET, UK

Fee: £80

For information and tickets: email [h.j.b.gunn@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:h.j.b.gunn@dundee.ac.uk)

## 1980 Dentists

Sarah Lumley & Colin Yule

Carnoustie Golf Hotel, June 2007

## Bachelor of Architecture 1976 & 1977

Ed Kelly - contact for further information & registration:

[ekelly@ekjn.co.uk](mailto:ekelly@ekjn.co.uk) OR [ekelly@talktalk.net](mailto:ekelly@talktalk.net)

To be held during Homecoming Weekend (15-17 June 2007)

## Microbiology 1975

J. Noel Wardell – contact for further information & registration:

[j.wardell@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:j.wardell@surrey.ac.uk)

*Possibly taking place at Homecoming Weekend (15-17 June 2007)*

John would particularly like to make contact with:

Steven Clegg; Paul Gilbert; Simon Kemper; Susan Lindsay (nee Allan); Ian Lyons, Brendan Smith.

## 1997 Medics

Louise Bradley & Kirsten Lawson – contact for further information & registration: [dundeemedics1997@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dundeemedics1997@hotmail.co.uk)

Apex Hotel, Dundee, 28 July 2007 - Black Tie Dinner, Tickets £65.00 per person (partners welcome).

## new group organisers needed

We urgently require volunteer Group Organisers for the following areas:

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If you would be willing to help us in the above areas, or if there is no group in your area and you'd be willing to become a Group Organiser, please contact: [alumni@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@dundee.ac.uk)

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**During the autumn campaign our student callers spoke to 1500 alumni in 21 countries including the UK. We received wonderful reports from many of those called on the quality of the student caller, the fun of reminiscing and from those who have decided, as a result of the conversation, to return to Dundee for Homecoming in June.**

News of the Telephone Campaign has spread throughout campus and our number of students wishing to be involved increases each year. However, our recruitment process is stringent and our training is arduous because we aim to provide the very best experience for both caller and alumnus. Our training days are very hard work for all concerned but result in a great team spirit, enthusiasm and dedication.

Where possible we match our student caller and the alumnus to be called, by faculty. Our student callers tell us of the very meaningful conversations they have with you and they pass on any requests you have for finding lost friends or news of the University.

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- UK only – return enclosed counterfoils and cheques to qualify for winning hundreds of pounds worth of art from the virtual art gallery (see page 23)
- consider making a direct debit donation
- provide a class reunion gift
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